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'Why Tories are unpopular'

Thatcher blames disappointment of the middle classes

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BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

Conservative Government."

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portant issues never did a

Cabinet

and taxation.

BARONESS THATCHER delivered a punishing blow to John Major's attempts to bind the Conservative Party together last night when she scorned the "one-nation" Tory tradi-tion and accused his Government of betraying the middle classe

The Prime Minister's hopes of a new year truce between his party's warring factions were blown apart as his predecessor said that the party was in trouble because Tory performance and policies had not lived up to its principles. She rejected the policy agen-

da of the Conservative Left and told Mr Major that a shift to the centre ground made no political sense. She condemned the pro-European wing led by Sir Edward Heath as "no-nation Conservatives". The idea that the Conserva-

tives were in trouble because they had moved to the right was "baloney". Lady Thatcher said in her most important Thatcher speech Peter Riddell Leading atticle. speech on domestic policy since leaving office in 1990. And she appeared to chall-

party so much harm as the enge directly Mr Major's warning to his Cabinet absence of honest, principled debate". And she poured salt against indulging in debate in the wounds by singling out about Britain's part in a for praise the European single currency. rightwingers Michael Portillo,

consider why people were tained that they were relaxed discontented. Was it because about it. Mr Major was reported to be unmoved, while the Government had not spent, borrowed and taxed Mr Redwood described the enough, or was it because the speech as a "knockout perfor-Government had gone too far towards increasing govern-

mance - star quality". Lady Thatcher excoriated "malcontents" who elaimed ment spending, borrowing the Tories were in trouble because they had shifted right-She then said, in the most wounding jibe: "The answer is obvious. We are unpopular, wards, saying: "I am not sure what is meant by those who say that the party should return to something called above all, because the middle classes, and all those who aspire to join the middle classes, feel that they no longer one-nation Conservatism. As far as I can tell by their views have the incentives and opporon European federalism, such people's creed would better be unities they expect from a described as no-nation Ignoring Mr Major's plea Conservatism. for unity, she said that "splits

"And certainly anyone who believes that salvation is to be found further away from the basic Conservative principles which prevailed in the 1980s small government, a propertyowning democracy, tax cuts; deregulation and national sovereignty - is profoundly mistaken.

Lady Thatcher launched a strong attack on Tony Blair's new Labour", but was restrained about Mr Blair himself. She admitted for the first time that there had been differences between herself and Mr Major - about how to



Voters "feel they no longer have the incentives and opportunities they expect from a Conservative Government"

or our principles faulty," she said. "Our difficulties are due Lady Thatcher's supporters said that the was trying to to the fact that, in certain deliver some home truths that

"Judging from the opinion polls, opposition is where the

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disunity. Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, by name. Margaret Thatcher has win age come taken the Prime Minister prisand deepening of the sources oner. Lady Thatcher has delibfor which Lady Thatcher aserately turned her back on sumes philosophical, even spiritual, authority. Once it one-nation Tories, and claimwas Keith Joseph. He pered John Major's agreement with her broad analysis. It is suaded her to include Havek. Later. Ronald Reagan joined now up to him to say whether he sees himself in the tradition of Thatcher and Keith Joseph or the one-nation tradition of Disraeli and Macleod."

Ancient backing group for the same old song

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By MATTHEW PARRIS

ou always know what Margaret Thateher means. Her assertions are unequivocal, her equivo cations are pointed and her silences thunder. She has always believed the same things, she always says the same things, and she said them again yesterday.

She was saying them to a curious crowd. The small room contained, as it were, a great heritage collection, broken up in an untimely way some six years ago and scaltered to the four corners of the globe, now recollected in the presence of its erstwhile curator. This was a regathering of the Thatcher diaspora.

Elderly people who were young when Keith Joseph was young, the middle-aged, to whom the baroness was the central political memory, and younger men and women for whom she is the mascot and Michael Portillo the leader-inwaiting were there. He, too, was there, impassive as she praised him.

She praised Mr Redwood, too. She praised Michael Howard and Peter Lilley. She - well - mentioned the Prime Minister, but not quite



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Avoiding debate about the big issues led to directionless failure, she said. Her Keith Joseph Memorial

Lecture, awaited with apprehension by her party, was more damaging than Down-ing Street had feared because ness, although party officials of the starkness of her assessdescribed the speech as a ment of why the Conservatives are in such a difficult plight. She told her audience to

Peter Lilley and Michael Howachieve objectives rather than the objectives themselves ard .- and the leadership challenger John Redwood -and she even acknowledged that her own governments had without mentioning any other made mistakes. Conservative MPs, includ-

But these were eclipsed by the passion of her call for a return to the rightwing creed that sustained her governments. "The Conservative Party has problems not because our analysis has been wrong

limited but important respects, our policies and performance have not lived up to our analysis and principles. That is why the current idea, put around by some malcontents, that the Conservative Party is in trouble because it has moved to the right - and that this is what needs to be she said. remedied - is baloney."

would help, not hinder, her party's chances of re-election. She said it was time to spell out the objectives clearly so that a re-elected Conservative Government could go further toward fulfilling them. "The attractions of opposition are greatly exaggerated by those who have not experienced it,"

electorate is at present inclined to send us. For a variety of reasons, 1 believe that this would be ill-judged. The Conservative Party still has much to offer. And from Mr Blair's new - or not so new - Labour Party there is much to fear. But we must not ignore the present discontent." Labour seized on the speech

as further evidence of Tory

Police hold

the club. Churchill was increasingly mentioned. But in yesterday's speech Continued on page 2, col 4

Mitterrand families unite **Cannabis** worth SATURDAY IN THE TIMES £55m is seized : Shots were fired yesterday as police and customs officers seized 18 tonnes of cannabis worth £55 million at Erith, The haul, Britain's biggest,

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Conservative case and main-

was discovered during a search of a container which had arrived at Felizstowe on January 5: Seven people have been arrested.

£1.000 bonuses

southeast London.

More than 312 million savers and borrowers with the Wool-wich Building Society stand to receive bonus payouts worth an average of £1,000 when it becomes a stock market company next year. Only those with the company before December 31 last will benefit. Page 21

England win

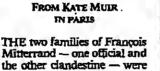
England's cricketers overcame the distraction of a floodlight failure to win the second one-day international. against South Africa by five wickets. Graham Thorpe was unbeaten on 72 Page 40

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united for the first time at his funeral yesterday, in accordance with his last wishes. Anne Pingeot, the former French President's mistress, and their daughter Mazarine. stood in mourning alongside Danielle Mitterrand, her two sons and grandchildren.

In their first public appear-ance together, M Mitterrand's widow, his mistress and their children accompanied the coffin in a military plane from Paris to the air base at Cognac, near his birthplace of Jamac. The procession through Jarmac to the Church of St Pierre was led by Mime Mitterrand, in black with a white scarf. She held the arm of one son, Jean-Christophe, and was followed by the other, Gilbert. Behind came Mme Pingeot, her face hidden by a black veil, arm-in-arm with Mazarine. The families, who had led quite separate lives with M



Mitterrand, were united in his public figure.

saw them together in photo-

Daughter Mazarine: turned into public figure

loss. The implications of this public acknowledgment were probably far from their thoughts, but the death of her father has turned Mazarine from an almost unknown student at the Sorbonne into a

Her strong resemblance, at 21, to her father in his youth was noted by those who first graphs in Paris Match two years ago. French privacy

laws and a certain collusion among journalists prevented details of the former President's best-known secret from leaking out earlier, although he did admit in 1984 to having an illegitimate daughter.

Mme Pingeol is a curator of sculpture at the Musée D'Orsay in Paris. After M Mitterrand became President, he cited security reasons and moved Mazarine and her mother to a government apartment on the Quai Branly near the Eiffel Tower, where he was a regular visitor. Mme Mitterrand remained at their apartment on the Rue du Biévre, also on the Left Bank, where M Mitterrand was said to come for Saturday lunch and

Sunday dinner. Even on country weekends. M Mitterrand distributed his time, taking Mazarine to the presidential château outside Paris. His country house at Latche was the site for official family gatherings with his sons and grandchildren.

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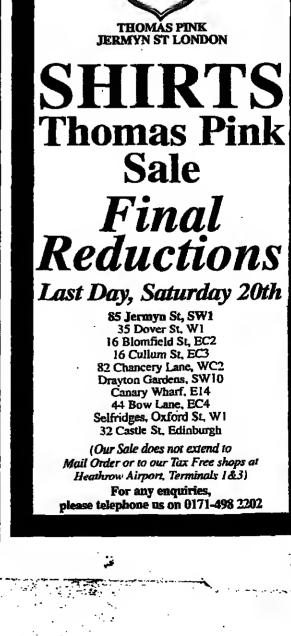
fan of Princess BY JOANNA BALE

> BERNARD OUINN, an obsessed fan of the Princess Royal, was arrested in Liverpool last night 25 minutes before she was due to attend an official engagement in the city. The Princess was visiting St

Niebolas's chorch in Tithebarn Street at 5pm to meet members of a victim support scheme. Her arrival sed without incident but police disclosed later that Ouinn, 53, from Westonsuper-Mare, bad been arrested nearby shortly before.

He was charged with behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace and is due to appear before Liverpool City Magistrates Court today. He was being held in custody overnight. Police had staged a massive security operation during the visit amid fears for

the safety of the Princess.



Britain squeezes juice concession out of EU

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

BRITONS were spared a 30p-a-litre rise in the price of freshly squeezed orange juice last night after the European Commission answered a government appeal to cut the cost of imported oranges. The move will help to safeguard

Caught in the trap was the Late Valencia orange — unavailable in hundreds of jobs and ensure the

Europe between December and April - but the only fruit which meets continuation of a peculiarly British habit because no one else in the EU has developed a freshly squeezed orange juice industry. The business is worth E12 million in the UK and directly employs 600 people, but it came under threat when new world trade accord tariffs were placed on imported fruit to

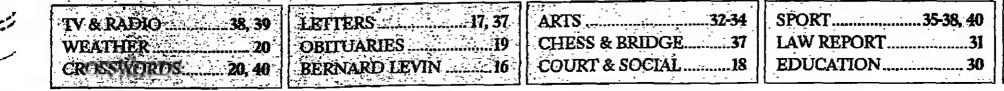
exacting British standards for freshlysqueezed juice. Britain imports 67,500 tonnes of juicing oranges a year, all but 7,500 tonnes from outside the EU.

The concession to Britain, by far the biggest market for fresh juice in Europe, is technically valid only until March 31, but negotiators are confident they will be able to get it extended.

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Douglas Hogg, the Minister of Agriculture, hailed the reprieve. He said the increase would have sounded the death knell for an innovative UK industry. "The battle is not yet over and we must now work for a permanent solution."

Without the concession the average shop price of fresh orange juice would have gone up from £2.39 to £2.69 a litre next month.



protect EU growers.

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Defiant Lilley presses ahead with asylum benefit cut



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BY RICHARD FORD AND JULI SHERMAN

defenceless in our society". PETER LILLEY defied the Govern-But the Social Security Secretary insisted on going ahead with the new rules, which will affect up to ment's own advisers on social security last night by pressing ahead with plans to cut benefits 50.000 people a year seeking refuge paid to asylum seekers. in Britain. In a highly critical report, the He argued that 90 per cent of Social Security Advisory Committee

those seeking asylum had their claims refused and said the new measures, which will come into mended that the plans be ditched. effect on February 5, were "fair and necessary*. He pointed out that 70 per cent of all asylum claims were made by people who entered Britain as tourists, students or businessseeking refuge in this country, men. "No responsible government

could ignore this growing misuse of taxpayers' money." he said. among whom may be numbered some of the most vulnerable and

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Giving a statement in the Commons. Mr Lilley agreed to make one key concession by allowing those who had submitted claims for asylum or had appealed against rejection since last October to continue to receive benefit. About 13.000 people in this category will still be able to receive social security payments unless or until their claim or appeal is rejected.

The concession, which was condemned by the Tory Right, could cost the Government up to £30 mil-lion in the first year. The new rules do not apply to those who enter the

country as refugees, declaring themselves as asylum seekers at the point

Mr Lilley also said the Government would help councils with extra costs arising under homelessness legislation or the Children Act. although he refused to give a figure. The move follows a decision by two London boroughs, Westminster and Hammersmith and Fulham, to seek judicial review over the plans, which they claimed would cost them millions of pounds.

Labour immediately attacked Mr Lilley's decision to ignore the committee's report and questioned whether any savings would be

made once local councils had been bailed out. "The committee produced the most critical report in its history on these proposals," said Keith Bradley, MP for Manchester Withington. "These regulations are inhumane and unjust. They will force thousands of asylum seekers onto the streets when their housing benefit and income support is withdrawn."

Tory MPs were also concerned about the impact of the new laws on local authorities. Peter Brooke, Tory MP for City of London and Westminster South, said: "Nothing could do more harm in terms of relations between the host community and asylum seekers if the cost is simply transferred to council tax payers."

The committee, chaired by Sir Thomas Boyd-Carpenter, said the changes would involve considerable administrative costs, making it unlikely that the projected £200 million savings would be achieved. The solution did not lie in the social security system but in faster and more efficient asylum procedures.

Care of Victims of Torture said the changes would be "one more nail in the coffin for asylum seekers and refugees". Helen Bamber of the foundation said it was "the cruellest form of hypocrisy".

The Right praises rallying call but Left decries timing

Thatcher attack on **Brussels reopens** old party wounds

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT, AND ALICE THOMSON

BARONESS THATCHER'S call for her party to revert to her radical agenda delighted disciples on the Tory Right last night while infuriating the pro-Europeans of the Left.

Loyalist MPs were plunged into gloom as they braced themselves for another round of infighting triggered by the former Prime Minister's repudiation of John Major's attempts to keep peace in the

party. Her dismissal of the pro-European one-nation wing as "No nation Conservatism" sparked the greatest anger. with its devotees branding her a treacherous has-been and claiming that her "mischiefmaking" showed how out of touch she had become.

Jerry Hayes, MP for Har-low, accused her of making a "virtue out of disloyalty". He declared: "It's unbecoming of Lady Thatcher to use her conscience not as a guide but as her accomplice. She will never be forgiven."

Sir John Gorst, MP for Hendon North, said: "While she may be talking in halftruths, I doubt whether a speech from the grave was very wise. She is - politically speaking - in the grave. I think it's unhelpful at the present time when everyone agrees that parties that are involved in internal arguments are not very attractive to the electorate."

Peter Luff, another

said they were delighted by jor in the summer and who her words. One of the Right's standard-bearers said her Keith Joseph Memorial Lecture to the Centre for Policy Studies in the City of London was "dyna-mite" for its thinly veiled criticism of Mr Major's leadership style and policies. "She

believes that to unite a party you lead it in a clear direction," he said. Sir Rhodes Boyson, a Euro-sceptic and former minister. said that Lady Thatcher would get a lot of support in the country for her views. The Tory party has to regain the patriotic working-class vote.

Labour surge

Labour has opened up a hage lead in the opinion polls. A Gallup survey for The Daily Telegraph today puts Labour on 60.5 per cent, 39.5 points ahead of the Tories on 21 per cent, and the Liberal Democrats on 14.5 per cent.

To do that we need a clear policy on Europe and that means the promise of a referendum.

"I too don't think we have gone too far to the Right. The massive increase in expenditure by this Government has caused the increase in taxation, which has meant that with contempt." many former middle-class supporters of our party have turned their backs on us." David Shaw, MP for Dover, said: "No one can find fault with what she says. People will find this very easy to support. John Redwood, who unsuccessfully challenged Mr Ma-

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was present at the lecture, said that Lady Thatcher had delivered a "very powerful speech" and denied loyalist claims that the timing was unhelpful. He said: "The Tories have everything to be proud of. She is right that the idea of onenation politics has now been abused. We all wish for a prosperous nation that brings people together. But the one-

nation concept has been hi-jacked by certain people to support Euro-federalism. Her speech was star quality. Kenneth Baker said: "Mar-

garet Thatcher is one of the strongest assets of the Tory party even now. She reminded us of the success of the Tories in the Eighties and told the next generation that they can't get success in the Nineties by

abandoning it." Labour leaders were delighted by Lady Thatcher's criticisms of the Government and the spectacle of fresh Tory feuding. Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, said: "Margaret Thatcher has taken the Prime Minister pris-oner. Lady Thatcher has delib-

erately turned her back on one-nation Tories; and daimed John Major's agree-ment with her broad analysis.

"It is now up to him to say whether he sees himself in the tradition of Thatcher and Keith Joseph or the one-nation tradition of Disraeli and Macleod, which she has dismissed



John Redwood



Funding pledge as peers debate divorce

BY FRANCES GIBS AND JAMES LANDALE

THE Lord Chancellor, in an attempt to stifle opposition to his controversial divorce reforms, said yesterday that more government funds would be provided to cut the rate of marriage breakdown.

As the Lords began to consider more than 200 amendments to the Family Law Bill oa the first day of its committee stage, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, who has responsibility for funding marriage guidance, under-lined his personal commit-ment to the institution of marriage

He said new funds would go to projects that could help reduce the rate and costs of marriage breakdown. In particular, they might have to be directed at marriage preparation projects and encouraging people to seek help before their problems became a crisis.

Lord Mackay is under fire from peers who say the Bill. which removes the concept of fault from divorce law, is undermining marriage. Many of his critics want the proposed time limit of 12 months before divorce can be granted increased to 18 months. If Lord Mackay is forced to lengthen the one-year limit, he could run into opposition from Lab-our who would argue that it is against the interests of children to lock them into an unhappy marriage.

Lord Mackay has also argued that the longer the period before divorce, the

that, despite some reports, he

remained committed to the 12

months reflection period.

The position is that the Gov-

ernment's policy on the period remains at one year." He also

denied that the Bill said no one

was to blame for a divorce.

There is no suggestion that

there is no fault. But there is a

suggestion that it is not a

sound basis for a divorce law."

ment to the Bill last night,

Lord Stallard, a former Lab-

our MP, called for the Bill to

Moving the first amend-

The Medical Foundation for the

Gang steals £5m in raid on post office

An armed gang escaped with 55 million from a post office after one of the raiders had approached a mall worker in Hastings, East Sussex, showed him a photograph of bis family and convinced him they were being held captive, a police spokesman said last night. The worker was forced to belp the gang to gain access through a rear entrance of the main Hastings Post Office in Cambridge Road oa Wednesday night. Once inside, four other masked men, two with shotguns and one with a handgun, tied up three members of staff

and one with a handgun, tied up three members of staff working there. Two were secured with handcuffs. In 20 minutes the thieves bundled up 55 million which had been intended to pay out pensions and social security benefits yesterday. They escaped in a light-coloared Luton van. After the alarm was raised police discovered that the hostage threat had been a calculated bluff.

Intelligence switch

Colin Budd, 50, the Chef de Cabinet to Sir Leoa Brittan at the European Commission, is returning to London as the next chairman of the Cabinet Office Joint latelligence Committee and head of the Cabinet Office overseas and defence policy secretariat. Mr Bndd, who has served in Bonn, The Hague, Islamabad and Warsaw, replaces Paul Lever, another senior diplomat who has been promoted to deputy under-secretary for Europeaa affairs.

Winter time wrangle

Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, promised to "bury" a backbench Tory Bill to create longer winter afternoons. In a move that has infuriated many Conservative MPs in southern Eagland, Mr Forsyth made clear that he would do everything in his power to kill the Bill to harmonise hours in Britain with those in the rest of the European Union. He says it would mean later winter dawns in Scotland and is "totally unnecessary".

Baring Foundation

The Baring Foundation, the charitable arm of the Barings financial empire, has announced its first grants pro-gramme since the bank's collapse nearly a year ago cut off its main source of income. The foundation, which was one of Britain's top ten grant-making trusts, has been forced to reduce its activities and will now concentrate on funding community organisations. It will make grants of up to E1.5 million this year, compared with E16.4 millioa in 1994.

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Police question two

Two men were being questioned last night about the



rejected government estimates of £200 million savings and recom-The 14-member body said the changes were potentially racially divisive and risked making destitute Lilley: said changes were "many people who are genuinely fair and necessary

European, said that Lady Thatcher might be urging debate now, but she never tolerated dissent when she was leader. Rightwingers pressing Mr

Major to take a tougher line towards Europe by ruling out a single currency, or at least offering a referendum on it,

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Charles Kennedy, for the Liberal Democrats, said: Lady Thatcher, in a no-holds barred attack on Europe and one-nation Conservatism, is further blowing apart any lingering hope of Tory unity.

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David Shaw

Rhodes Boyson

Same old song

Continued from page 1 "the Board" (as we might call it) of early Thatcherites was ambitiously extended. Kipling has arrived. Gladstone appears to have been a bud-ding Thatcherite. Cobden and Bright were mentioned; Hume and Locke also joiaed the fan club. Milton, it seems, would have approved. So would Erasmus and

Montaigne. Warming to her theme (and quoting Hayek) the baroness took an astonishing leap into ancient history, to discover that Cicero, Tacitus, Pericles and Thucydides only failed to call themselves Thatcherites because they had not yet heard of Lady Thatcher. Funny. 1 used to working

her office in the late 70s. But 1 never remember her mentioning Thucydides.

As the friendly host from history expands, so does the enemy. Yesterday Lady Thatcher found time for a swipe at Ted Heath (not mentioned by name, of course), Nigel Lawson (not named), the whole of Sweden, Christian democracy, most of Europe, Neil Kinnock and (by

Peter Luff

support the institution of marimplication) Disraeli. riage, to ensure that all practi-cable steps are taken to prevent the breakdown of Lady Thatcher ages, but aot fast or much. Her voice deepens a little and her face marriage, to minimise the thins. The crowd that used to support her when Keith Jobitterness and hostility beseph was ascendant in the 70s tween the parties and reduce was small but devout, as were the Corinthians to Paul. In the the trauma for children. He said: "This Bill does little in its 80s, the crowd swelled enorpresent form to support the mously and became a mob. institution of marriage. This Bill does make divorce easier for many people and that is

Last night we were back to the Corinthians again. But she was the same, laying what is worrying us." down the Epistle as ever, the same Epistle.

greater the number of excepmurder of a police garage-hand, left tied to his bed for ten tions there may have to be, days by intruders. Detectives investigating the death of Alan Holmes, 53, arrested the men in Kentish Town, north because of the potential hard-London, near the victim's home in Camden Town. Mr ship to children. The more Holmes was beaten to force him to disclose his bank card exceptions, the more the general principle is undermined. Pin aumbers. Police appealed for help in tracing his At present, 75 per cent of driving liceace, passport and two silver frames. divorcing couples obtain a "quickle" divorce in six months or less. Lord Mackay told the Lords

Jurors stay out again

The Maxwell trial jury was sent to a hotel for a fourth night after failing to reach ananimous verdicts. When the seven women and five men returned to the Old Bailey coartroom yesterday afternoon, Lord Justice Phillips told them that if they had not reached verdicts by Saturday, they would have Sunday off, Kevin Maxwell, 36, his brother Ian, 39, and Larry Trachtenberg, 42, a former Maxwell aide, deny conspiracy to defraud the pension funds.

School wounding charge

A boy aged 14 was charged with conspiracy to wound another teenager after being arrested by police investigat-ing the death of the headmaster Philip Lawrence. A 15-yearold boy has been charged with the murder of Mr Lawrence and assaulting a pupil outside their London school. Four teenagers were arrested yesterday by police investigating the stabbing last year of John Mills, husband of Barbara Mills, the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Internet essay warning

Universities told students yesterday they would be disciplined for plagiarism if they copy high-scoring essays placed on the Internet, Gradnet (UK), of Aughton, Lancashire, is charging £2 for essays, which can be sent on disc or via e-mail. It has advertised in student magazines that it will also pay students £10 for the work it sends out, which must have received a mark of more than 60 per cent, an apper-second grade.

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IRA considers destroying weapons in front of an independent witness

BY NICHOLAS WATT AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

MICHAEL ANCRAM, the Northern Ireland Minister, sounded an upbeat note yesterday after Sinn Fein said that the IRA might be prepared to destroy its weapons in the presence of an independent witness.

As John Major met the former US senator George Mitchell, the chairman of the international commission, and two fellow commission members at Downing Street last night, government officials said there was room for encouragement in Sinn Fein's submission.

Amid fresh hopes that the

The Prime Minister's talks with the three-man commission ended after 75 minutes. with Mr Mitchell saying he expected his report would be ready on time next Thursday. Downing Street said the men had enjoyed a "useful and productive exchange". Senator

Ulster Defence Association, described Sinn Fein's proposal

At the meeting Mr Ancram expressed unease about allowing the IRA to destroy its own arms because of "potentially significant practical and legal difficulties, including problems of verification and the risk to public safety". However, Sinn Fein has acknowledged his concerns by accepting that such a process would have to be verified independently.



as realistic. He said: "The option of paramilitary organisations decommissioning their weapons takes away difficulties, particularly within the republican camp, of handing over their weapons to the British or Irish Governments."

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Biologists captured in remote village

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Soldiers search jungle for kidnapped Britons

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

TROOPS were sent into the Indonesian jungle yesterday to rescue four British biologists kidnapped by separatist guerrillas.

Two British diplomats also arrived in the mountainous province of Irian Jaya, regarded as one of the most inhospi-table, primitive and least charted, to negotiate the re-lease of the four Cambridge graduates.

They were among 24 people, seven Westerners and 17 Indonesians, seized by armed members of the Free Papua Movement. The group said the abductions were part of a campaign to escape Indone-sian rule.

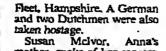
The Britons are members of a research expedition called Lorentz 95 and were studying rare flora and fauna and how the Nduga tribe uses the wildlife. They had been stay-ing with tribes that only recently emerged from the Stone Age, and were captured



Oates: was studying wildlife and tribes

by the guerrillas late on Monday night at their base in Mapunduma village in the Baliem Valley.

The missing Britons are Daniel Start, 21, from London Bill Oates, 22, from Jedburgh,



mother, spoke of her concern last night. "There are all sorts of fears at this stage."

. A Foreign Office spokesman said: "We do not want to speculate about the level of danger they are in. The fact they have been taken and are being held is a cause for concern. We want them to be released as quickly as possible."

Borders, Anna McIvor, 21, undertaken this kind of project from Bournemouth, and An-in the first place you have got nette van der Kolk, 21, from to be intrepid. You have got to

be fairly self-sufficient." Dr Ken Riley, senior tutor at Clare College, where Mr Oates studied, said: "I don't know if anybody can be expected to cope well in this sort of situation, but if I was choosing anyone, it would be Bill."

The local news agency. Antara, reported that the Indonesian authorities have sent 300 troops to mount a rescue attempt. Licutenant-Colonel Maulud Hidayat, Irian Jaya military spokesman, said he had not received any ransom demand. "We are searching for them with all efforts and all the equipment we have."

Groups such as the World Wide Fund for Nature are working with local contacts to reassure the indigenous popu-lation that the kidnapped Brit-ons were working on their behalf.

Russell Betts, WWF spokesman in Jakarta, said: "We are trying to get the message out that what our people are doing is in their interests. We are trying with our research to make sure in the area that tribal rights and traditional ways with which the people interact with nature are

A spokesman for the Indo-nesian Biological Science Club, which co-sponsored the venaure, said: "We and the WWF are deeply concerned about the safety and security of our colleagues who have been kidnappd, and stand ready to work fully with the military to secure their safe release. We urge the relevant authorities to do everything in their power to secure the safe release of our colleagues,"

The Baliem Valley, first seen by Westerners in 1938, is home tradition. Some travellers say. however, that they are essentially a gentle race and that visitors are accorded a warm welcome.

The Free Papua Movement claims 43,000 Papuans have



Julia Carling walking her dog Biff yesterday. She blamed ber husband's friendship with the Princess of Wales for the failure of their 1994 marriage, below



Carlings call in the

HOME NEWS 3

divorce lawyers after rift BY EMMA WILKINS

THE marriage of Will Car-ling, the England rugby cap-tain, and his wife Julia is to end after just 15 months together. The couple, who separated last September, have asked their lawyers to begin discussions about a divorce settlement at a meet-

ing next week. Mrs Carling, 30, presents a daytime television show, has hlamed her hus-band's friendship with the Princess of Wales for her marriage problems. But Mr Carling 30, said his relationship with the Princess was entirely innocent.

Hugh Young, a specialist in matrimonial law who is representing Mr Carling, said he could not foresee any difficulties in ending the mar-riage. "It's a sad business but there are no children and it was a short marriage.

Apart from the personal ities involved, I can't see that it would be of any great interest." Mr Young, who is the family law partner at Freeth Cartwright Hunt Dickins, added: "I am not aware of any third party being involved at all."

Mr Young is now arrang-ing a meeting with Alan Kaufman, Mrs Carling's law-yer, for next week. "My instructions are to meet her solicitor to see what his client has to say about the marriage and the future. That would mean discussing some kind of settlement," he said,

Mr Kaufman, of Forsyte, Saunders, Kerman, a firm of London solicitors, said yester day: "Myself and my firm have been instructed by Julia in connection with the breakdown of her marriage,"

Since the Carlings have been separated for just four months, a "quickie" divorce could take place only on the grounds of adultery, unreasonable behaviour, or desertion. An alternative strategy could be to live apart for

another 20 months. Mrs Carling, who is still living in the marital home in Putney, southwest London, took the couple's labrador for a walk yesterday but refused to comment.



BY RUSSELL JENKINS

IRIAN JAYA is so remote that anthropologists are still discovering new tribes. The prvince, which borders Papua New Guinea, is one of the last wildernesses on Earth.

The area, two degrees south of the equator, has mountain glaciers, rain forest, swamps, mangroves and coral reefs. Its people speak 700 languages. Tribesmen wearing bird of paradise feathers in their 3 at 112 E head-dresses and penis e e le soat gourds barter two or three pigs for a new wife and hunt birds with arrows and spears. Cannibalism was abandoned only within living memory.

A proposed Lorentz nature reserve, which the World Wide Fund for Nature wants · A 55 to be a world heritage site, is home to an array of birds of paradise, tree kangaroos and saltwater crocodiles. The quest for preservation has become more urgent as mass migration, "slash and burn" - . 17A agriculture and pollution threaten the wilderness.

The WWF has charted 56

areas of outstanding ecologi-

cal importance in the region; ten of which have been recog-

nised by the Indonesian

Government.

Dani tribesmen in the Baliem Valley at a

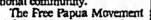
ceremony to divide a dead man's wealth Darwin's contemporary, Al-fred Wallace. The main reason it has remained so PACIFIC OCEAN Jayapon

untouched is it has only a DHAN JAY small population, about one and a half million. It is twice PAPU the size of Britain yet has only the same number of roads of a small London suburb. It is

respected."

to 100,000 tribespeople who are famed for their warrior

The Free Papua Movement have been conducting lowlevel armed resistance since 1965, two years after Indonesia annexed the region. The people of West Papua, named Irian Jaya by Indonesia, want to ally themselves with neighbouring Papua New Guinea, and believe their plight has been ignored by the international community.



The biologists, who graduated last summer, organised a rave party in Cambridge to raise some of the £20,000 cost of the three-month expedition. They also raised £3,000 by coming second in a conservation award. Tutors and friends were confident the quarter would stand up well to their circumstances. Natalie Baron, 20, a fellow student, said: "To have



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yard of their station and said he had the body of a murdered woman in his car. Detectives rushed outside and found the dead woman

propped up in the front pas-

POLICE arrested a man yes-terday after he drove into their

senger seat of a Volvo. She had

allegedly been strangled, al-though no cause of death will be established until a post-mortem examination is held. Police confirmed last night that they were holding a 30-

driveway of the family home.

year-old man in custody in connection with the murder of a 27-year-old woman. Slough police.

Six hours earlier police at The incident earlier, in Slough Police Station in Berkwhich a woman threw herself shire had received a 999 call in under the wheels of her huswhich the caller alleged that a woman had thrown herself band's car, was treated by both police and ambulance behind her husband's car as it crews as a domestic incident. was being reversed out of the The woman did not need to

very much under threat." The tribespeople are Melanesian, and related to the

tories operate in the rich waters.

The driver, who comes from

Manor Park in Slough, was

arrested immediately after

police confirmed the discovery

of the body. The woman was

certified dead by a police

BY RICHARD FORD AND

12 times for 17 theft offences -

A race is on to exploit the rich mineral deposits of the Peter Ramshaw, head of the WWF's Asia project office, said biologists have been fasciprovince. It has gold, copper and oil. The rain forests have nated by Irian Jaya since it was described by Charles already attracted logging com-panies and illegal fish fac-

Man drives body

to police station

BY JOANNA BALE

doctor

NDONESIA

Pacific islanders in the Solomon Islands and Fiji. In recent years they have been threatened by Indonesia's policy of populating the island with migrants from Java. Today there are more newcomers than indigenous tribespeople.

been killed by the Indonesian army since 1977, and now believes that only radical action can draw attention to the people's plight. The guerrillas are still holding high school two students kidnapped last November in Jayapura, the capital of Irian Jaya. The military authorities rejected a ransom demand.

Live TV urged to spike topless darts

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE British Darts Organisation has accused the cable television channel Live TV of "undermining the sport of darts and demeaning women" with its late-night show Topless Darts. The organisation, which

Police later confirmed the dead woman had been driven represents Britain's eight million darts enthusiasts, said it to Slough Police Station by her will be writing to the Mirror Group, Live TV's owners, to husband. She had been propped up in the front seat of the car during the two-mile express its "displeasure and disgust" at the two-minute drive to the station from their programme, which Live TV began broadcasting earlier home. The murder inquiry is being led by Detective Superintendent Michael Short, of this week.

Robert Holmes, spokesman for the organisation, said that about a quarter of darts players were women. When we first heard about this programme we thought it was a joke. It is the last thing women daris players want to see happen. A lot of the men receive hospital treatment.

> the first at the age of 15 before being sent to Holloway

in north London. She has

three children, who are being

players are embarrassed about it too," he said. Mr Holmes added that

playing darts topless was probably dangerous. "Darts have a habit of rebounding out of the board." he said.

Mark Collen, assistant managing director of Live TV. admitted that the programme was partly a publicity gim-mick. Only 1.2 million homes with cable television can receive Live TV and audiences are thought to run in the low thousands.

Kelvin MacKenzie, the former Editor of The Sun and now managing director of Live TV, is widely seen as the inspiration behind Topless Darts. The programmes, recorded on Bondi Beach in Australla, show topless women playing daris to the tune of Waltzing Matilda.

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DOMINIC KENNEDY A PRISONER who caused a political row after she was shackled to a hospital bed during labour is an habitual thief who was jailed for snatching a handbag with ES.100 from a Japanese diolomat. Annette Walker, who said she wanted to die of shame in the chains, has a criminal record stretching back to her schooldays. She was pregnant when she was sent to jail for

Walker, has a criminal record from childhood

looked after by her mother and former husband. Before jailing her for four years last September, a judge at Middlesex Crown Court said Walker was an habitual and determined thief who, with her co-defendant and

Chained inmate is habitual thief

partner David Glide, had made a career out of dishonesty. The judge said it would be unfair to other offenders to treat her differently because she was female and had the first time in her criminal become pregnant after the She had appeared in court offence

He said other courts had

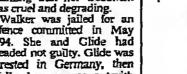
made attempts to rehabilitate her and to administer a short, sharp shock. He had a duty to protect the public. Walker gave birth to an Slb

Home Office to the European Court of Human Rights, claiming that her treatment was cruel and degrading. Walker was jailed for an

offence committed in May 1994. She and Glide had pleaded not guilty. Glide was arrested in Germany, then Walker became pregnant with her fourth child and became ill. The trial jury found both defendants guilty. Glide was

jailed for four years.

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Yours faithfully, John Latimer.

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Challenger will carry revolvers as guard against war zones and to repel grizzly bears

Balloon goes up in the race to be first round globe

BY OLIVER AUGUST AND MARK FULLER

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RICHARD BRANSON faces a challenger in the race to become the first balloonist to fly round the world. Henk Brink, a 52-year-old Dutch helicopter pilot and adventur-er, expects to launch his at-tempt from the Dutch town of Nijmegen early next week. His high-tech equipment

matches Mr Branson's and Mr Brink is confident he can outpace the Virgin chairman, who is due to lift off from Morocco, also next week. The challenge to Mr

onwards."

Branson is more real than that of the American balloonist Steve Fossett, who crash land-ed in New Brunswick, Cana-

da, on Wednesday. A spokesman for Herr Brink said: "Weather condi-Branson: Morocco start tions are becoming extremely favourable and a launch could be possible from Monday

Mr Brink intends that his Unicef Flyer balloon should be propelled initially by the polar and then the sub-tropical jet stream. The Dutch balloon will travel east over more than 90 countries, from Europe, throughAsia, the Middle East, the Pacific, America and the Atlantic before landing "east of Nijmegen - anywhere be-tween Norway and North

loon from losing altitude.

Africa". The Dutch team has been ready to take off since December, waiting for ideal weather conditions; no wind on the ground and a ferocious jet Brink: Dutch lift-off

stream. Mr Brink said: "The flight is virtually in the realm of space travel. At a height of 12 kilometres, the temperature is -55C and the air pressure two tenths of a bar. This means the craft's design has to be extremely high-tech and costly." The 200ft Unicef Flyer is a compound balloon, with an upper compartment filled with helium and a lower section that contains hot air heated by propane burners.

At night when the helium The so-called "jet max" streams, usually the preserve of aeroplanes, travel at twice contracts without the warmth from sunlight, the burners

surface.

the speed of normal streams. Per Lindstrum, who will accompany Mr Branson, said: "The temperature will tell us when we are in jet max. When it suddenly turns colder we know we have picked one up." The third member of the Branson team is Rory McCarthy.

The crew of each balloon will spend their days crouched inside the capsule, which is only big enough for one person to stand up in.

The balloons will have the same navigation instruments as planes, including a collision-warning system. Air traffic controllers around the world will monitor their progress and redirect planes away from them.

Over the Atlantic when there is no radar they will make their positions known via radio. At 175ft Mr Branson's Virgin Global Challenger is slightly smaller then Ma Briek's than Mr Brink's.

The Virgin Global Challenger was tested yesterday in a huge hangar at Cammell Laird shipyard on Merseyside in preparation for the launchnear Marrakech. The yard is one of the few places big enough to inflate and test it under cover, About 20 workers were called in to sweep the main hangar's floor clean of any debris to make sure there was no risk of anything puncturing the material.

Bakker, 32, a communications will heat the air, which will transfer the warmth to the specialist who was selected helium, preventing the balfrom 1,400 applications, unexpectedly pulled out of the Both the Branson and Brink mission last month for "seriballoons have pressurised and ous personal reasons', alheated capsules and are valthough there were suggestions ued at more than £3 million. he was unhappy with the They will travel at speeds of up safety precautions.

Mr Brink response was: "The crew will have para-chutes and be armed with to 240mph in the core jet. streams found more than seven miles above the Earth's revolvers in case we come down in a war zone or a wilderness with a grizzly bear dose by."

The Virgin Global Challenger undergoing a test inflation at the Cammell Laird shipyard yesterday

Branson sued over lottery claim

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

"I have taken this action to contractor GTech, is suing Richard Branson for defamarestore my good name," Mr Snowden said yesterday. He tion over claims that he tried said he intended to co-operate

to bribe the Virgin entrepre-neur to pull out of the bidding with the Oflot inquiry. The fact that Mr Snowden to run the National Lottery. Mr Snowden has repeatedis suing only Mr Branson, ly denied Mr Branson's alleand not Panorama or the galions, which were made during a Panorama pro-gramme last month. It is BBC who were responsible for broadcasting the allega-tions, suggests that the dis-pute between the two men has understood that he decided to become personal. Mr Branson also seems to be sue when Mr Branson threatened earlier this week not to taking the affair personally. He initially issued a writ for co-operate with an independent inquiry into the allega-

tions set up by Oflot, the libel on December 15 against offerh - which has a 22 nor cent stake in Camelot, the lottery operator - and Robert Rendine, its director of communications, for branding him a liar. He issued a second writ on January 2, this time naming Mr Snowden. A spokesman for Mr Branson said that he stood by everything he has said. "We will vigorously defend the action and look forward to seeing Mr Snowden in court."

It is likely that the three cases will be consolidated, although it will be months

before the action comes to court. The case relates to a lunch at Mr Branson's west London home in September 1993 where he claims Mr Snowden attempted to bribe him not to bid for the lottery contract. John Jackson, who set up Mr Branson's lottery bid and who is now chief executive of Sketchley, was at the lunch and has supported Mr Branson's version of events. The case is likely to cast a shadow over the official Oflot. inquiry, which is expected to be held behind closed doors

and last two to three weeks.

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Tornado crewmen survive new crash

BY MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

TWO more RAF crewmen escaped yesterday when another Tornado crashed during a training flight in Germany. It was the third Tornado to be lost in two days, after the mid-air collision be tween two F3 air defence aircraft over Lincolnshire on Wednesday.

Yesterday's incident in-volved a GR1 strike aircraft which was flying with two other Tornados near Münster when it dived and hit open ground. The navigator was seriously injured but the pilot

suffered only minor injuries. The jets were flying at medium level - more than 1,000ft - because regular lowevel training is banned in Germany. The latest crash means that

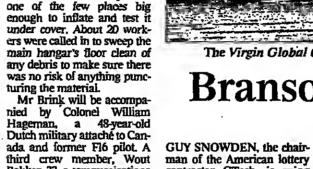
the RAF has lost 22 Tornados, both the air defence and strike versions, since 1990. A replacement costs up to £25 million The toll of crashes reads: five in 1990, four in 1991, none in 1992, one in 1993, six in 1994, three last year and three so far this year.

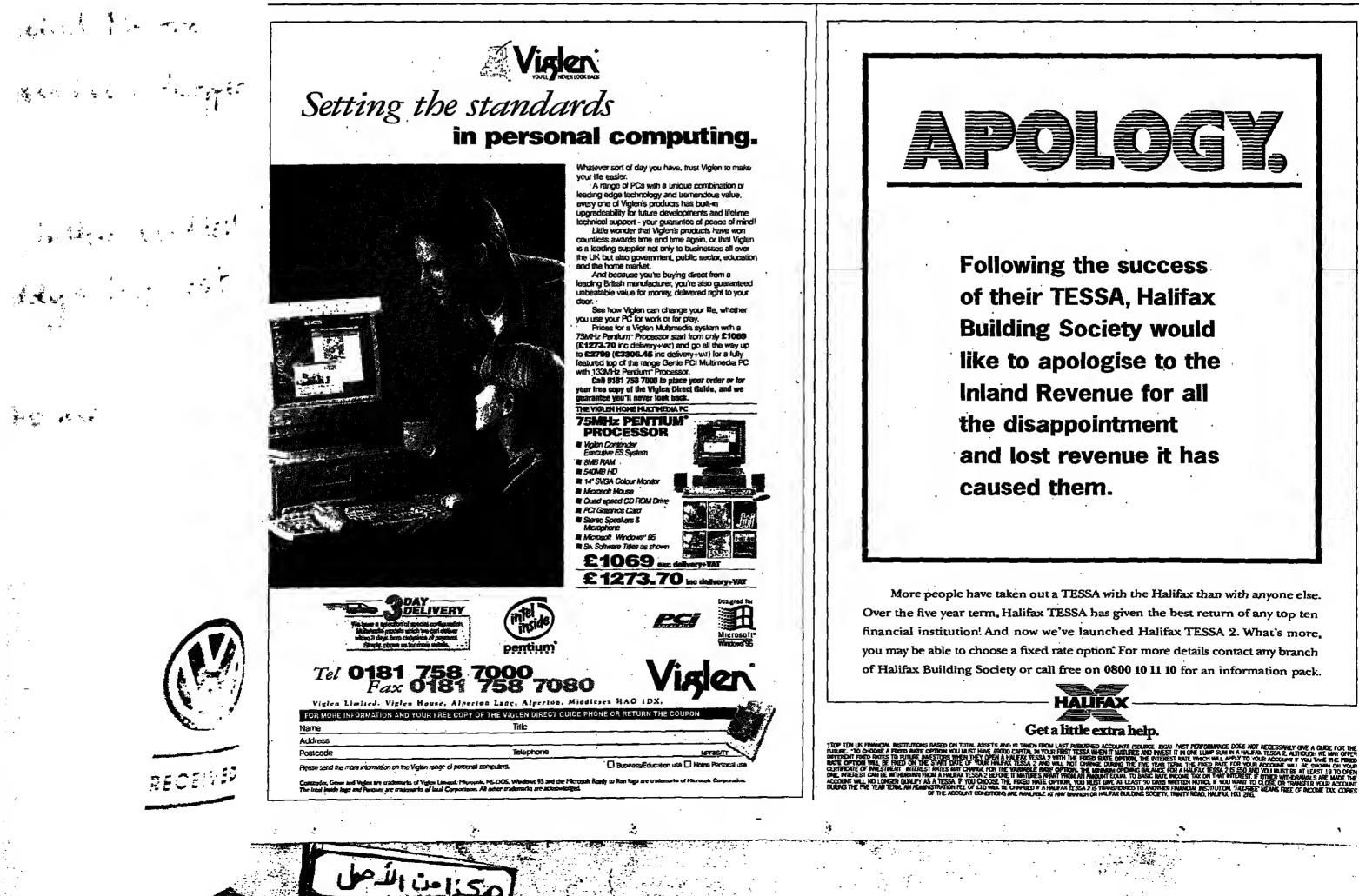
A board of inquiry was set up to investigate yesterday's incident which happened at about 3pm local time near the town of Albachten, south of Münster. The three Tornados, which were on a training sortie, were from 14 Squadron based at RAF Brüggen. The other two Tornados

were not involved in the incident and returned to their base. The crewmen of the doomed Tornado were picked up by RAF search and rescue helicopters after ejecting from the aircraft. The pilot was taken to an RAF hospital and the navigator to a German

military hospital. A spokeswoman for the British forces in Germany said the cause of the crash was unknown. The Tornado was carrying a number of practice bombs made of plastic and cement, which contain no

Preliminary inquiries have established that the two air-craft destroyed on Wednes-day, from RAF Coningsby in Lincolnshire, were not at 800ft as claimed by witnesses. They collided at 14,000ft a few minutes after take-off.





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A health service without a bed available when needed is a deception, say Lib Dems

Doctors blame casualty crisis on the Government

BY JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

HOSPITALS are cracking under the strain of a surge in emergency admissions that has caused casualty units to close and patients to be turned away. doctors' leaders said vesterday.

The British Medical Association said pressure had been building for two or three years and had reached crisis point in some hospitals. It blamed "cash-driven rather than caredriven policies" for the closure of beds. Emergency admissions rose by more than 6 per cent last year but funding for emergency work had been cut by 1 to 2 per cent. the BMA said. Earlier research showed a 13 per cent rise in emergency admissions in the previous

four years. Over the same period, since 1991, 9,000 acute beds have been lost, 7 per cent of the total, as hospitals treat patients more quickly and focus on day surgery. The BMA said

weather all increased desearch for beds.

Geoffrey Cranswick died soon after admission national crisis."

It emerged yesterday that staff at the Bradford Royal Infirmary in West Yorkshire had spent more than two the closures had gone too far. Dr Sandy Macara, chairman of the BMA, said: There is a hours trying to find an intenpotentially lethal cocktail of problems - a lack of slack in sive care place for Geoffrey Cranswick, 66, after he collapsed in his doctor's surgery last Tuesday. Nine hospitals the system due to the run down in beds, staff shortages because many youngsters are were unable to offer a bed and fed up and a disastrous short-Mr Cranswick was eventually fall in community care." Hosflown 70 miles to Scarborough

by police helicopter. He died pitals were running at 90 to 95 per cent of capacity, leaving no flexibility for peaks and 20 minutes after arriving, although medical staff say that his condition was so poor troughs in demand. In winter, flu, accidents and falls, and the delay probably made little illness caused by the cold difference.

Yesterday a Bradford Hos-pitals NHS Trust spokesman mand. Doctors say that they cannot admit patients for said it was affected by the whom they do not have beds, nationwide shortage of nursstaff or resources and GPs ing staff. The infirmary has spend hours phoning in the only five intensive care beds for a population of about Dr Macara said: "There are 500,000. On the day Mr reports of a situation in some Cranswick was brought in. one bed was empty, but could hospitals that can only be described as a crisis. We don't not be used because of a staff know how widespread it is but shortage.

There was embarrassment we want action to avert a at the trust when it emerged later that Mr Cranswick, a former policeman who retired at the age of 47, had raised thousands of pounds for the British Heart Foundation. Mr Cranswick's MP. Gerry Sutcliffe, the member for Bradford South, is taking up the case with Stephen Dorrell. the Health Secretary.

Michael Heseltine said the increase in emergency admis-



Staff at Bradford Royal Infirmary contacted ten hospitals to find an intensive care bed for Mr Cranswick

with the standards of the sions was "a matter of concern health service and to ensure to the Government". Announcing a review of emerthat they are maintained." gency care by Sir Kenneth Calman, Chief Medical Of-Gerald Malone, the Health Minister, disclosed that he ficer. the Deputy Prime Minishad written to all NHS trusts telling them to introduce meater said all necessary steps would be taken to deal with sures to deal with the staff the problem. "The whole shortage in accident and emer-House is deeply preoccupied gency departments. These in-

clude allowing nurses to perform a wider range of tasks and incentives to encourage more junior doctors to train in casualty. The BMA said it had identified the problems in Scotland, Wales, Bristol, Southampton, Manchester, Leeds, Bradford, Liverpool, Sheffield, Birmingham, Not-

tingham and London. Simon Hughes, the Liberal Democrats' health spokesman, said the Government was responsible for ensuring there were enough beds. "An NHS without a bed conveniently available at the time of most acute need is a contradiction and a

Dead bodies left on ward as cold adds to pressure

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

PRESSURE for beds in Scottish hospitals has led to can-cellation of thousands of routine operations and left Glasgow hospitals so short of mortuary space that they have had to leave dead bodies on a ward,

The shortage of beds was exacerbated by the recent cold spell, which saw temperatures in central Scotland dip to -19C. At Glasgow Royal Infirmary bodies were left on trolleys in a ward because the mortuary was unable to cope. A hospital spokesman said that emergency admissions had

gone up from an average 15 a day to 56, and there had beeo a peak of 70. So far this week 72 elective operations had beeo cancelled. The number of deaths in

the hospital has risen from three a day to an average of five, and on one day there were 11. The holidays have meant that undertakers and crematoriums have been shut.

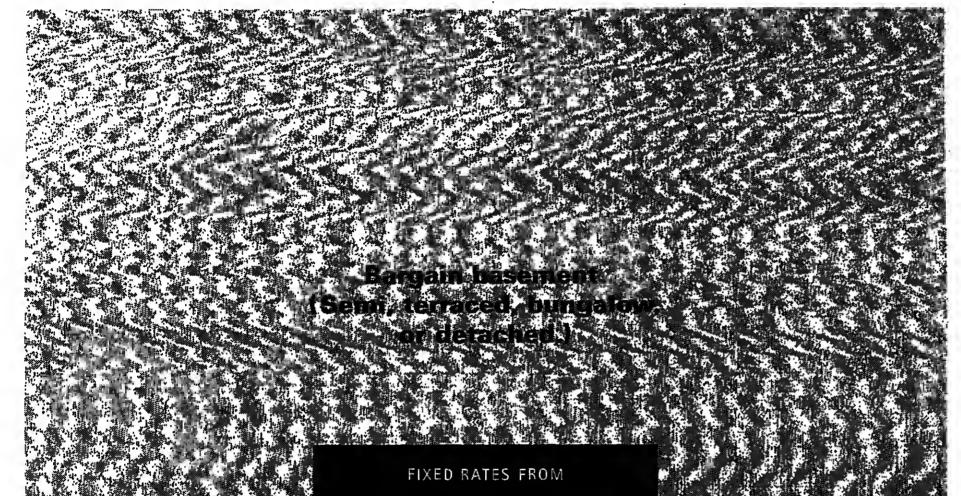
in the region were put on standby to expect a sharp increase in the oumber of referrals. That led to the cancellation of 334 planned operations across Lothian in the last week.

Ninewells Hospital in Dundee, the main teaching hospital attached to the university, has seen a 20 per cent rise in emergency admissions in the past two years. Derek Maclean, the hospital's director of medical services, has appealed to GPs to find alternatives to admissions wherever possible.

The hospital is also appealing for qualified nursing staff who are on holiday or not working to report for work. It needs about a hundred additional nurses to cope with the present workload.

This week 49 routine opera tions have had to be cancelled. From Monday a short-stay surgical ward will be turned into a medical ward, which

will mean the cancellation









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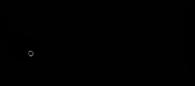
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The avera ic time in Gla before burial has risen from four days to eight days.

Glasgow Royal Infirmary would normally use the city mortuary or another bospital mortuary to store bodies temporarily but those were also full. At the city's Victoria Infirmary bodies were kept in corridors on crolleys within the mortuary area and at Stobhill Hospital they were kept on the floor of the

mortuary. The British Medical Association in Scotland said it was aware of problems across the country, particularly in the Borders, Lothian, Strathclyde and Tayside where operations have been cancelled to cope with emergency admissions. Lothian Health Board issued a red alert on January 3, which meant that all hospitals a further 45 operations. Dr Maclean said the costeffectiveness drive was partly to blame. "In the past there was a lot more slack in the system and we could cope with peaks when they came along." He said staff were extremely concerned about the level of service they would be able to give in future.

Healthcare spending per head in Scotland is 23 per cent higher than in England, the Scottish Office said yesterday. In the current year the Government will spend £820 for every man, woman and child in Scotland, compared with £667 in England.

The reduction in hospital beds is continuing. In Scotland 5,000 acute medical beds have been carmarked for closure by 2000.

Hospital juggles trolleys and chairs

By JEREMY LAURANCE

THREE temporary beds had Karen Jones, the nurse in to be set up in operating theatres and seven in the charge of the A&E department, said: "We have never accident and emergency derefused to see anyone but we partment to accommodate a rush of patients at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, last Tuesday. Dr John Thurston, consul-

tant in charge of the A&E department, said he had had to take two patients off trolleys and sit them in chairs to make way for others who were more ill.

It was a nightmare night. The last two weeks have been the busiest in the 17 years I have been here," Dr Thurston said.

"At one point I came across a man standing in the middle of the department ashenfaced. I asked him if he was all right and he said he had a crushing pain across his chest. I realised immediately he was having a heart attack but we had no more trolleys. so I had to move an old lady off one and sit her in a chair." St Helier Hospital, in nearby Carshalton, ran out of casualty trolleys two weeks ago and ambulances had to wait while doctors treated patients on their stretchers in the corridors.

regularly have patients waiting on ambulance trolleys and we bring beds down for patients in the department overnight." Queen Mary's. St Helier and four other hospitals in the south London area asked to close their A&E departments recently because of the pressure but London Ambulance Service refused to allow them, saying it would have nowhere to take emergency patients. The medical directors of the

six bospitals have written to William Wells, chairman of South Thames Regional Health Authority, demanding action to relieve the pressure. One had a 22 per cent rise in accident and emergency admissions during the past year. the others about t4 per cent. Dr Thurston, who is regis trar of the Faculty of A&E Medicine, said: "All A&E departments are experiencing the same problem. We don't know why there has been this sudden rise in emergencies. There is no flu epidemic and it is not the cold weather. No one can explain it."

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Money drags back Sex Pistols, spitting and screaming

Frank Sinatra can do it, the Beatles do it, even ageing punks the Sex Pistols do it. Dominic Kennedy reports on an unlikely revival of the 1970s good old days

THE Sex Pistols, the spitting Pistols have invited back their standard-bearers of punk original bassist, Glen Mat-lock, who turns 40 in August. Strye Jones, 40 last year, is who incited a generation to rebel against their elders and to reject ageing pop stars, are threatening to regroup just as they are turning 40. The 1970s band, vilified for

Europe and Asia.

back on guitar with drummer Paul Cook, 40 in July, and singer Johnny Rotten, now using his real name John describing the monarchy as a fascist regime in their single God Save The Queen, hope to Lydon. He is 40 on January 31. All have been working musicians for many years. Lydon told the New Musical begin a world tour in America in the spring, followed by dates in the United Kingdom, Express that his plans for 1996 are "disturbing, shocking, dis-rupting and definitely newsworthy".

Last night, the rock world was divided between former Former punk writer Tony fans who said the Sinatra-Parsons said yesterday that style comeback was a denial the group was wrong to reform, but he could not resist of everything the movement a little nostalgia. Now a respectable commentator on ooce stood for, and those who said it merely renewed their old cynical sense of fun. the arts, he last saw the Pistols Some 17 years after the band's demise, its members on Jubilee Day in 1977 at their infamous riverbeat concert on are being lured by the pros-

the Thames. pect of riches from a new "The boat was pulled to one eneration of fans reared on side and the event was very violently smashed up by the river police," he said. "That American neo-punk bands such as Green Day and the guitar-dominated sound of was absolutely wonderful. The idea of Johnny Rotten

Britpop. Bass guitarist Sid Vicious died of a heroin as this kind of ridiculous



Seventies icons: from left, a young Steve Jones. Glen Matlock, Johnny Rotten, Paul Cook and, right, Sid Vicious

anger of his youth is quite depressing. They should sack Rotten and get Victor Meldrew as the true voice of middle-aged rebellion.

"The Sex Pistols wanted to get rid of everything. That was justified because in those days there was a rock establishment to kick over."

Vivienne Westwood, the tailor of punk, has become an acclaimed fashion designer. Mark Palmers, her personal

assistant, said: "She is not interested in youth culture. She considers that exercise in punk to have been a rebellion

for annual tours. "It's awful that people like against the Establishment The Tremeloes are still on the cabaret circuit but it's imposand she grew out of that." Edward Tudor-Pole, 38,

who as Eddy Tenpole briefly replaced Rotten as lead singer sible to give up real rock 'n' roll, you just can't," he said. of the Pistols until Vicious Jerry Lee Lewis and Chuck died and the band folded, was Berry were touring last year." more enthusiastic. He has an Tudor-Pole, who babysitting his year-old son adult career as an actor and presenter of The Crystal Henry at home, said: "The

Maze on Channel 4 but still Sex Pistols can't lose. If they takes his old punk band, Tenpole Tudor, oo the road do it cynically, that's very Sex Pistolian. If they do it for fun, vho can knock that?"

Muff Fitzgerald, a spokesman for Virgin Records, who handle the band's records. said: "Their sales have remained constant. When people changed to compact disc players, they wanted to replace their beer-covered. was scratched old copies of Never Mind The Bollocks."

THE PUNK BANDS, THEN AND NOW

Many punks would rather forget their wayward youth, but a few still carry on: The Strangiers were known as the hard men of punk, even

fighting with their own audience. Formed in 1976, their lineup is remarkably settled, although Hugh Cornwell, there original lead singer, left in the early Ninetics. The band still tours today.

Poly Styrene and her band X-Ray Spex had a top 20 hit in 1978 with Germ Free Adolescence, but their best-known song was the punk anthem Oh Bondage, Up Yours. She is now a practising member of the International Society of Krishna Consciousness and has changed her name to Maharani Devi.

Jordan was the archetypal punk muse. She changed her name from Pamela Brooke and worked for Malcolm McLaren and Vivienne Westwood in Sex, the punk clothes shop in King's Road. She also appeared in Derek Jarman's film Jubilee. When her marriage ended she became a shepherd on her sister's farm in Yorkshire. She is now a veterinary nurse in Seaford and breeds Burmese cats.

The Ramones, formed in 1974, were called America's first punk band, and will be playing their "last ever show" at the Brixton Academy on February 3, although their record

company says they have no plans to split up. **Toyah Willcox's** first acting role was as Mad in the punk film Jubilee in 1977, Her most recent was Puck in A Midsummer Night's Dream. This month she began presenting The Good Sex Guide, Late, having had a couple of pop hits. She lives in Wiltshire.

Sioussie Sioux and The Banshees made their debut at a punk festival at the 100 Club, London, in 1976. She released an album last year and has lived near Toulouse in France for several years, with her cats and Budgie, her husband and drummer in the band.

The Core have changed line-up seven times. A new album due in May features brass, violinists and Mexicans. Their spokesman Doug Wright said: "They do not consider themselves to be punk at all now."

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MEDICAL BRIEFING

SIR RICHARD TRANT. a no better at the end of the retired general, is an ebullient man of traditional Cornish weekend he sent for the family doctor who diagnosed stock who has been brought temporal arteritis, also known up to think that to complain of as giant cell, or cranial, arteritis. Sir Richard was sent physical pain is a sign of weakness, but even he had to into hospital, a biopsy was taken of one of the cranial admit that the agouy of temporal arteritis was more than he arteries in an attempt to confirm the diagnosis, but he Since Sir Richard retired was treated immediately with from the Army he has been working in Bedfordshire. One

massive doses of steroids. Within two or three weeks Friday evening Several he was back at work. The pain months ago he and his wife set had-gone and he was feeling as well as ever but he was off to return to their house in Cornwall. When he started the asked to continue to take journey he was jovial. As the smaller doses of steroids. Before the advent of these drugs Trants headed west down the Sir Richard would have had motorway the general noticed that an oncoming car lights induced a pain behind his months of pain, progressive muscle weakness and one

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right eye which, as he says. soon made the pain from the worst hangover he has ever experienced seem as nothing. The pain waxed and waned but it was so apparent that its exacerbations were induced by the car lights that he had to hand over the driving to his wife so he could lie back in the passenger seat with his eyes shut. Before he reached Cornwall he was aware of another unusual symptom: not only did he have severe pain behind the right eye but the right side of his head and scalp had become very tender. When he reached his house the scalp was so sensitive that brushing, and to an even greater extent, combing, his

could bear.

chance in five of going blind. Temporal arteritis is not as uncommon as might be supposed and affects one person in a thousand over the age of 50. It attacks women slightly more often than men. Temporal arteritis is caused by an inflammation of the wall of the arteries, usually those leading to the scalp but occasionally the coronary or other arteries may be affected. The classic symptoms are headaches, scalp and temporal tenderness and very often disturbances in vision. Immediate diagnosis is imperative for, if the eyesight is involved, early administration of steroids can be the only

way of saving a patient from blindness. hair had become impossible. Thinking that he had an unusual form of flu he took to his bed. Fortunately, as he was

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

Chickenfeed adds Hospital jugi to poultry prices trollers and chi and chi and chi and chi

PRICES for pork, chicken and eggs are among those likely to rise soon because of increases in the international prices for animal feeds such as soya bean meal, rapeseed and fishmeal. Feed prices, up to E100 a tonne higher since August, are expected to continue to increase. Jim Reed, director-general

of the UK Agricultural Trade Supply Association, says the increased cost of feedstuffs will work through to affect beef, lamb and dairy products. Advertised supermarket

promotions include: Asda: extra large 2.04kg chick-ens, £3.49 each, fresh pork spare rib £2.39 a kg. fresh lamb shoulder £3.05 a kg. Budgens: Ross Tendergrill frozen grillsteaks £1.59 for six, coleslaw in reduced calorie dressing 33p for 250g, closed cup mushrooms 99p a lb. Co-op: stewing steak £3.69 a kg. pre-packed onions 39p for

625g. pre-packed carrots 39p for 62 for 625g. Harrods: half wheel of stilton £14.95, camembert cheeses each, whole Scottish £3.08 kippers £7.25 for 71b box. Iceland: breaded haddock

kidney £1.29 for 454g, Mat-thews turkey steaks £1.99 for Marks & Spencer: fresh Cale-donian salmon fillets £3.99 for 283g, frozen at sea cod in

crumb E2.99 for 600g, reduced fat lite chicken, tomato and basil £2.99 for 350g. Morrison's chicken korma,

pasanda or biryani El.79 for 340g, mini onion bhajis 89p for 15, thin pork sausages £1.55 for 24. Safeway: rump steak £6.99 a

kg, half leg of lamb (knuckle/ fillet) £5.89 a kg, salmon en croute £1.99 for 400g. Sainsbury's frozen New Zea-land whole lamb leg £2.18 a kg, unsmoked rindless back bacon 99p for 175g, frozen chicken (1.8-2kg) EL85 each. Somerfield: smoked haddock fillet £3.72 a kg. British pork loin chops £3.30 a kg. Class A fresh chicken drumsticks £1.99

for eight. Tesco: sirloin steak £9.68 a kg. salmon steaks £2.95 a lb, white seedless grapes £1.49 a lb. Waitrose: British boneless leg

pork £3.59 a kg. premium pork sausages £1.29 for eight. berries £1.99 for 200g.

BY ROBIN YOUNG steaks £2.49 for six, steak and



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Minister will ignore advice of bird groups and spare rampant invader from guns

Gummer to cancel duck cull over fear of public outrage

ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to cull vast numbers of Britain's most notorious duck are to be abandoned because ministers fear the sight of dead birds will infuriate animal lovers.

Under the scheme, backed by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and Spanish ornithologists, hundreds of ruddy ducks would have been shot this spring across the Midlands and Wales.

Ruddy ducks, a North American species that escaped into the countryside in the 1950s, have been flying to Andalusia in Spain and mating with the rare and prized vhite-headed duck. The hybrids are viewed by the Span-ish as alien interlopers and the



Gummer: fears protests over national duck cull

ruddy duck is shot on sight. Wildlife groups and the Spanish Government have demanded safeguards for the white-headed duck, fearing it could become extinct. Campaigners, including

Trust, thought they had se-cured the backing of all members of the ruddy duck working group, set up in the early 1990s by the Department of the Environment after pressure from Madrid. But, with just two weeks to go before details of the the big shoot were to be finalised, ministers at the department have been told to scrap it.

English Nature, the Gov-ernment's wildlife advisory body, has told John Gummer. the Environment Secretary. that the action is not important enough to justify the time and funds, in spite of fears of a

wrangle with Madrid. The the whole business". It takes advice has been seized on by the view that the ruddy duck wrangle has got out of hand Mr Gummer, who is also concerned about public reacand that Britain has far more tion to a mass slaughter. Barbara Young, chief execupressing conservation prob-lems. There is no direct evi-

species.

tive of the RSPB, said yesterdence, opponents claim, that day: "We see culling as a high the ducks in Spain are actually priority to ensure the survival of the white-headed duck. from Britain. English Nature has advised that landowners which is a globally threatened do not want culls on their land. Long term, there are Sources within English Naconcerns about who will pay

ture say the organisation "wants to wash its hands of for an annual cull. However, the RSPB said vesterday that the appearance of hybrids in Spain could be directly linked to the growth in British ruddy ducks to about 600 pairs. Small-scale shoots of ruddy ducks have been

The ruddy duck, left, which has begun mating freely with the rare and prized white-headed duck in Spain carried out to assess the likely effectiveness of a nationwide

programme. Ms Young, who has written to English Nature urging con-firmation that the cull will go ahead, said: "We are in no doubt about the importance of the regional control trial. The Spanish have shown remarkable commitment to sorting out the problem in their own country. We have got to respond." Phil Grice, for English Na-

ture, who will present conclusions at the forthcoming meet-ing of the ruddy duck working group, said he could not

The RSPB spokesman said he understood Mr Gummer's concern, especially with a general election looming. But he added that the charity had members who would normally be alarmed at birds being culled and that the RSPB had spent a lot of effort explaining its position.

Bypass work halted on day three as guards are washed out

By ADRIAN LEE

THE security operation to protect contractors on the Newbury bypass was condemned as a shambles yesterday after a third day's work was lost to protesters.

Keith Lock, Liberal Democrat leader of Newbury District Council, demanded extra guards and a more active police role after it emerged

that up to 200 security guards had been sent home because rain soaked their tented village

men to retreat yesterday morning after an hour's work felling a handful of trees near Snelsmore Common, at the northern end of the proposed dual carriageway, even though they were outnumbered by 150 guards who formed a ring The Highways Agency said ten acres had been cleared so far and it was working on a strategy with

ish in the 14 weeks before the nesting season will stop contractors on many parts of the 9'z-mile route. "The whole operation is a sham-bles," he said. "The police may have to take a stronger line. I think more resources are needed to create a bigger screen around the workmen." The policing is shared by the Thames Valley and Hampshire

Community wildlife projects scrapped

Projects aimed at transform-ing housing estates and school playgrounds by introducing frog ponds and wildlife gar-dens and creating small for-ests were scrapped yesterday (Nick Nutral) writer (Nick Nuttall writes).

English Nature, the Government's wildlife adviser, announced it was ending its Community Action for Wild-life and Schools Grant Scheme. to help to meet cuts of more than EL2 million ordered by the Environment Department.

HUNDREDS of wildlife Trusts, said the decision was a bitter blow. "The grants have transformed inner-city areas and acted as 'pump priming' to secure funds from business and industry.

But Eddie Idle, director at English Nature, said that both projects had been nearing the end of their lives and other organisations and companies were running similar projects. The Environment Department said that it was being asked to make cuts of up to 8 per cent but English Nature's

grant had been cut by only 5

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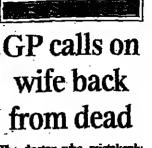
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The doctor who mistakenly pronounced a woman dead has been to visit her in hospital. Dr David Roberts called on Daphne Banks, 61. as she recovered in Hinchingbrooke Hospital, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire. Yesterday he was back at work at his surgery in nearby Great Staughton.

Dr Roberts has publicly apologised for the mistake be made when called to Mrs Banks's home at Stonely, Cambridgeshire. She had taken an overdose. An undertaker noticed movement in a vein, and she is now making good progress.

Green team

Frogwatch, a scheme to study why the frog population is declining, was launched by David Bellamy. Children will monitor the progress of spawn, tadpoles and young frogs for the National Am-phibian Survey in Cardiff.

Accidents rise

The number of children involved in road accidents rose 4 per cent last summer to 13,090. The Transport De-partment said the rise could have been caused by the hot weather encouraging children to go out to play.

Bank sues actor

The actor Ricky Tominson, 56. Detective Chief Inspector Wise in the Granada Television series *Cracker*, is being sued by Midland Bank over an alleged £40,000 debt, stemming from an outstanding £24,125 overdraft.

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£1m for artworks

The art collection of the late Sir John Pope-Hennessy, former director of the British Museum and of the Victoria & Albert Museum, was sold for £1.03 million at Christie's. New York. The artworks came from his Florence home.

Austen success The BBC's film of Jane

Britain later this month

Austen's Persuasion, star-ring Amanda Root and Ciaran Hinds, took more than £2.5 million at the box office in the United States last

The film opens

About 100 activists forced work-

farm 14 miles from Newbury.

round a digger. The defences were not breached but the circle was considered too small to allow the digger to work safely and, at 9.30am, work was abandoned for the day amid loud cheers. Reliance Security admitted that it had sent many of its guards home because of problems with their tented accommodation, at a disused

contractors to outwit campaigners. A spokesman said: "We would like to be forging ahead but the clearance work, including some done before Christmas, amounts to 5 per cent of the total." The agency said if work was delayed it would consult English Nature on how it could

proceed during the nesting season. Mr Lock said: "The last two days they have tried to make a start but have not achieved very much. They have got to change tactics and get more security staff and more police involved. They have got to solve this, otherwise it could go on for weeks." He feared there was now a danger that preparation work on the £100 million scheme would not fin-





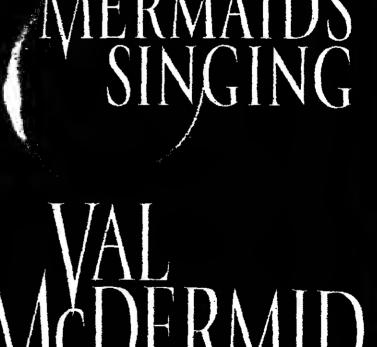
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POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT 9

'Lurch to the right' claims dismissed as baloney put around by party malcontents

Thatcher pours scorn on federalist creed of 'No Nation' Tories

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This is an edited extract of the Keith Joseph Memorial Lec-ture delivered by Baroness dehate. Thatcher yesterday:

eith Joseph, in whose honour this Lecture is delivered, had the charm of a hundred paradoxes. He was a modest man; but, unlike so many modest men, he had really nothing to be modest about. He was -- that overworked, but in this case appropriate word - "brilliant", yet he never indulged in intellectual virtuosity. He was brave, yet by nature he was timid. He could seem cerebral and remote; but he had a warm heart and impish hum-our that made his friendship an inexpressible delight. Keith Joseph's name will always be closely associated

with the rethinking of Conservative principles and policies in preparation for the Conservalve Government of the 1980s. What marks out our Conservative vision is the insight that the State - government - only underpins the conditions for a prosperous and fulfilling life. It does not generate them. Moreover, the

very existence of this State, with its huge capacity for evil, is a potencial threat to all the moral, cultural, social and economic benefits of freedom.

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Keith and I were struggling to shift Britain back from the socialist State, we were also acting as conservatives, with a small 'c'. We were seeking to re-establish an understanding of the fundamental truths which had made Western life, British life, and the life of the English-speaking peoples what they were. This was the foundation of our Conservative revolution. It remains the foundation for any

ernment can go further towards fulfilling them. The attractions of Opposition are greatly exaggerated by those vho have not experienced it. But, judging from the opinion polls, Opposition is where the electorate is at present inclined to send us. For a variety of reasons, which I shall describe shortly, I believe that this would be ill-judged on their part. The Conservative Party still has much to

successful Conservative programme of government. The cause of limited government - in which the State is servant not master, custodian not collaborator, umpire not player - is the one beneath

whose standard Keith Joseph pressure. and I gathered all those years ago. It is time to take it out of mothballs, brush off the odd collectivist cobweb that's hung

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is that Communism and inabsence of honest, principled deed Socialism "imploded". If There is, however, one apthat means that their system parent lesson that we would be was always unviable, so be it - though many of the people most unwise to draw. That is the suggestion, which one who now say this scarcely

hears from time to time, that the only hope for the Conserseemed to believe it true before the "implosion" occurred. But. anyway, let's not forget that vative Party is a period in Opposition. The situation tothe system collapsed because it day in the Party is entirely was squeezed by the pressure different from that in 1974. that we on the Right of politics applied. The Left should not be It is no secret that between allowed to get away with pretending otherwise. John Major and me there have been differences ... on occasion. But these have always The Conservative Party today has problems not because been differences about how to achieve objectives, rather than our analysis has been wrong or our principles faulty. Our what those objectives should be. What is required now is to difficuloes are due to the fact ensure that those objectives that, in certain limited but important respects, our poliare clearly explained, so that a cies and performance have not re-elected Conservative Govlived up to our analysis and

principles. That is why the current idea. put around by some makonients, that the Conservative Party is in trouble because it has moved to the Right, and that this is what oeeds to be remedied, is boloney - and Denis might be able to suggest a still more telling description. The test is simple. Just ask yourself: is it because the Government has not spent, borrowed and taxed

enough that people are

discontented? Or is it that

6 The centre ground is as slippery as the spin doctors who have colonised it 9

longer have the incentives and offer, And from Mr Blair's New - or not so new -Labour Party there is much to fear. But we must not ignore the present discontent. Party should return to some-Some of it is more or less inevitable. A constant struggle thing called "One Nation Con-

is required to ensure that longserving governments don't run out of steam. I always regarded it as necessary to combine my role as Prime Minister with that of Chief Stoker, so as to keep up the It is also true that the

political world is more complicated than in the Eighties. The sharp divide between the force of freedom represented by the

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inflation was brought down, without the use of the prices and incomes controls which the great and the good all agreed were indispensable. Public spending as a share of GDP fell, which allowed tax rates to be cut - and government borrowing was reduced. We repaid debt. Three hundred and sixty-four economists who claimed that it was madness to think you could get economic growth by cutting government borrowing were proved wrong: I'm told they were never the same again. Reform of the public fi-

nances was matched by reform of the trade unions, deregulation and privatisation of industries and a great extension of ownership of houses, shares and savings quite a lot of "stakeholding" in Moreover, though we made mistakes of financial manage-

ment by allowing the economy to overheat and inflacion to rise towards the end of that period, the general advance of figures. prosperity was solidly based upon real economic improvements. Above all, there was a rapid and sustained rise in industrial productivity. which bas continued.

we have gone too for The message from all towards increasing gov-emment spending, borthis is not that everything in the 1980s was perfect or rowing and taxation? The that everything that has answer is obvious. We are followed it in the 1990s unpopular, above all, because the middle classhas been bad. Every Prime Minister has his and her - regrets. The es - and all those who aspire to join the middle classes - feel that they no important message, rather, is that in Britain we have seen from the 1980s what opportunities they expect from works - just as we saw in the Conservative Government. 1970s what did not. And what works here, as elsewhere, is I am not sure what is meant by those who say that the free enterprise and not big government

So it would make no ecoservatism". As far as I can tell nomic sense at all for us to by their views on European move closer to the policies of federalism. such people's creed would be bener our opponents. Rather, the economic challenge is to cut back the burden of state described as "No Nation Conservatism". And certainly any-one who believes that spending, borrowing and taxation still further.

salvation is to be found further And trying to move rowards away from the basic Conservathe centre ground makes no tive principles which prevailed political sense either. As Keith in the 1980s - small governused to remind us, it is not the ment, a property-owning decentre ground but the com-



This is being made for common Euroshown by the courageous and pean defence - proposals which Michael Portillo has far reaching reforms which Michael Howard has been roundly and rightly attacked. making in the criminal justice They 100 are a threat to national independence. But system. The strength of the opposition he faces from the most important, of course, is vested interests shows he is the proposed single European right - almost as much as do currency which, as John Redthe encouraging recent crime wood has argued, "would be a major step on the way to a

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Self-government, limited

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process.

But today the main challsingle European nation". enge to limited government But vital as the issue of selfcomes not from within these government is, it is limited government that concerns

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shores at all, but rather bayond them -- from the European Union. There is, of course, also a challenge to selfgovernment, and the two are closely connected.

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RIDDELL ON POLITICS

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on the agenda".

M argaret Thatcher last night opened the post-mortem on the Conservative election de-feat of 1996-97. Appropriately, her lecture was in memory o Keith Joseph, her intellectual mentor, the man who "discov-ered" his true conservatism after the party was defeated in February 1974. Lady Thatcher consciously echoed the themes of his Upminster and Preston speeches of June and September 1974 which were about how a Conservative Government had taken the wrong

path towards collectivism. All the reassuring public bromides of her staff and As far as I can tell by their Central Office about a broad church and her support for the Prime Minister are nonsense. She clearly believes that the be better described as 'No Nacon Conservatism'." She Major Government is going in explicitly wants a renegoolation of the European Communices the wrong direction, and is headed lowards opposition. Her remarks about the Prime the European Court and her Minister were perfunctory, while she praised the standard other proposals would isolate Britain from the rest of the bearers of the Right by name - Peter Lilley, Michael How ard, Michael Portillo and John quire as Thatcherite as she

Redwood. Her analysis was that the party is in trouble not because on Europe. Her administra-oons found it as hard as the it has moved to the right, but because it has not been Thatcherite enough. "We are unpopular, above all, because the middle classes - and all those who aspire to join the middle classes - feel that they no longer have the incentives and opportunities they expect from a Conservative Govern-

ment", Consequently, would make no economic sense at all for us to move closer to the policies of our opponents. Rather, the economic challenge is to cut back the burden of state spending. borrowing and taxation still further. And trying to move towards the centre ground makes no political sense either"

She wants a revolutionary programme for cutting down the size of the state. The commitment by Kenneth Clarke to bring down public spending below 40 per cent of nacional income is welcomed merely as a starting point with a plea for a manifesto commitment to bring il down "over a

owever much she is dismissed by many Tory MPs as a voice from the past, her lecture was being acclaimed last night on the Right for reflecting the views of many disillusioned local activists and former Tory supporters: away with th caudous Fabianism of the Major years and hurrah for the true blue standard. She also offered a myth of betraya by those in office every bit as politically explosive as that offered by Tony Benn after Labour lost in 1979. The difference is that the infighting has started before, rather than after, the party has lost office.

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Avoiding debate about the West on the one hand, and the forces of collectivism reprelarge issues of government and politics leads to directionsented by the Labour Party less failure. Being prepared to state uncomfortable truths is and the Soviet bloc on the other, is a thing of the past. the precondition for success. The extent of the success we Splits and disagreements over achieved in the 1980s has, in this sense, caught up with us. important issues never did a party so much harm as the'

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That mistake in most cases has its origins in the acceptance of the picture of the 1980s which has been painted by the cricics. That decade changed the direction of Britain to such an extent that it is unlikely that The fashionable expression even a Labour Government

mon ground - the shared instincts and traditions of the British people - on which we should pitch our tents. That ground is solid - whereas the centre ground is as slippery as the spin doctors who have colonised it.

The limitation of government is still the great issue of British politics. There is a

constant tendency, in which pressure groups, vested interests and the media play a part. for government to expand. One of Thatcher's laws - for which I owe something to Lord Acton - is that all government tends to expand, and socialist government expands absolutely. If you start with their view of the State - that it exists to right social wrongs rather than to create a framework for freedom - you can never find the definitive justification for saying "no". Above all, you cannot say "no" to demands for more spending on welfare. It was with the best intent thai postwar governments spent more on welfare, believing that as the standard of living rose, people would do more to look after themselves. What we had to do, as Keith often said in earlier years, was to break the "cycle of deprivation". But the more we spent, the greater the dependency, illegitimacy and crime be-came. And of course the tax burden rose.

Western countries have now woken up to the problem. But they are still paralysed by it. Here, though, Peter Lilley has been advancing steadily with social security reform, making important changes to reduce future burdens. Yet, as Peler himself often reminds us, social security still accounts for over 40 per cent of central government spending and costs every working person ELS every working day. Alleviating the burden of the social security budget is a thankless but vital task, for

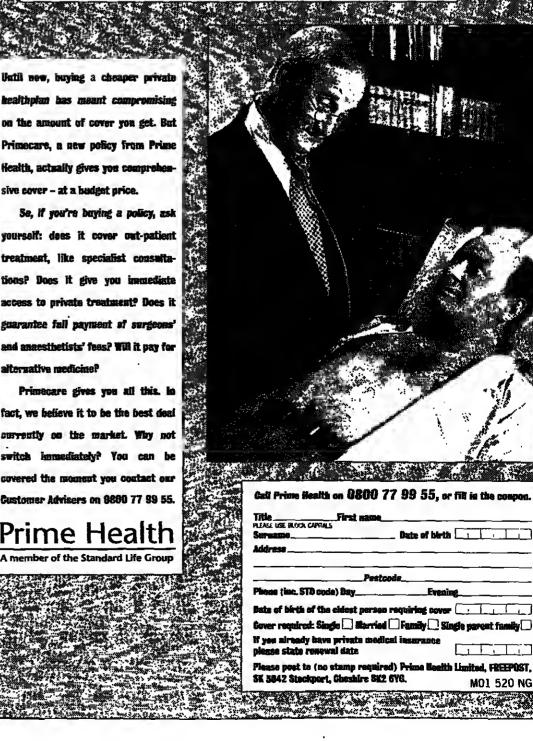
which real Tory stamina is required. It will not be done by financial sleight of hand. Limited government doesn't

mean weak government, only IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY in the Commons: ques-tions to Treasury ministens and the Deputy Prime Minister, standing in for John Major, who was in France for the funeral of Francois Millerrand. Debate on Rating (Caravens and Boats) Bill, remaining stages. In the Lords: debates on the Family tour RIE, committee stage, and the sale

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Ceremonies reflect man who gloried in grandeur but was proud of rural roots

Family and **France** say separate farewells to Mitterrand

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

FRANÇOIS MITTERRAND mate daughter, Mazarine, 21. was laid to rest at his birthplace in the small French town of Jarnac after a simple family functal vesterday while a grand Requiem Mass anended by scores of dignitaries from across the globe took place in None-Dame in Paris. The simultaneous ceremonies -- one small and intimate. the other vasi and public reflected contrasting aspects of the former French President. who gloried in the pomp and grandeur of his office, while clinging proudly to his rurat roots in southwest France. M Minerrand died on Mon-

day at the age of 79 aher a long battle with prostate cancer. just eight months aher leaving

The former President insisted he did not want a state funeral and only his family and closest friends were invited to anend the funeral service in Jarnae's St Pierre Church, where M Mitterrand was happised and where his parents married. For the first time his illegiti-



mer President's two sons during the ceremonies, in accordance with her father's dying wishes. His long-time mistress, Anne Pingeot, Mazarine's mother, walked just a few paces behind his dignified widow. Danielle, as she led the funeral correge through the narrow streets of Jarnae lowards the church. More than 1.300 mourners, including of heads of state. packed into Notre-Dame for a moving Requiem Mass in honour of the Socialist leader. was broadcast live on French television. Among those gathered to pay tribute were the Prince of

Wales. John Major. President Chirac of France. Al Gore, the American Vice-President. President Yeltsin of Russia. Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister. King Juan Carlos of Spain. Sweden's King Carl XVI and President Mubarak of Egypt.

whose existence was not pub-

licly acknowledged until 1994.

appeared alongside the for-

Tears ran down the face of Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, M Minerrand's closest European ally and partner in building closer European union. as Maurice Durufle's Requiem echoed around the great lith-century cathedral. Prince Charles. President

Castro of Cuba and Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader. were also visibly moved by the ceremony, at which the American soprano Barbara Hendricks sang the Pie Jesu from Faure's Requiem

offices remained open. In his eulogy. Cardinal dent's body was taken from Jean-Marie Lustiger recalled how M Mitterrand, a selfthe Paris apartment where he



Among the mourners were, Danielle, left. M Mitterrand's widow, Jean-Christophe, their son, Mazarine, his illegitimate daughter. Anne Pingeot, her mother, and Gilbert, another son

dered over the nature of death base. His children and his during his last years. Quoting M Minerrand, Cardinal Lustolack labrador. Baltik. accompanied the French leader on iger noted in his sermon: this final journey. as he had Death is what gives destiny requested

The coffin was then transported by hearse. flanked by dozens of motorcycle outriders. through the fields of M Mitterrand's youth to nearby dren across the country ob-served a minute's silence in Jarnac. In the town square. beneath funereal skies and a light rain, the former head of the French armed forces was accorded full military honours for the last time. As a military band played, the tricolour At dawn, the former Presidraped over his oak coffin was caught by the wind and fluttered to the ground, to be

widow and his elder son. before the procession moved off slowly across the lown. Film cameras and other media were not permitted inside the church, but loudspeakers relayed the Mass to the thousands lining the street outside. The 200 people attending the Jarnac service included M Mitterrand's six surviving siblings, his closest political allies and a handful of other personal friends, including the actor Gerard Depardieu and the writer Françoise Sagan.

After the service the cortege paused briefly in front of the stone house. its door marked

roses, where M Mitterrand was born on October 26, 1916. Mourners then proceeded to Jarnac cemetery where France's longest-serving President was buried in the Mitterrand family tomb.

Friends and colleagues departed, leaving immediate family members to pay their last respects. Jarnac has a population of 2,000, but some ten times that number converged on the town yesterday. Later in the afternoon. the cemetery was opened to the wairing public.

M Mitterrand, as meticu-lous in death as in life, left behind detailed plans for all

speeches, no journalists at the cemetery and only two bou-quets, one of roses and another of irises, to be placed on his coffin. His instructions were followed to the letter. The world leaders, crowned heads, government ministers. colleagues and friends of the late President appeared grave and subdued as they filed out of Notre-Dame to the strains of Bach's St John's Passion, with the exception of Mr Yeltsin who, with characteristic ebullience, raised his arms in a

double clenched-fist salute to the waiting, and somewhat

surprised, crowd. "I'm in perfect health." the

ers on his first foreign trip since suffering a heart attack in October. After the service, Mr Major

said: "President Mitterrand was a very big figure in European history. It will be recognised in due course, but I think his contemporaries understand that."

On the eve of yesterday's funeral, some 30,000 of M Mitterrand's supporters massed at Place de la Bastille square in Paris to mourn the Socialist leader. Many brought single red roses and others carried lighted candles as they stood in silence where Parisians celebrated his elec-

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Romantic who shared city dwellers' love for the countryside of youth

By BEN MACINTYRE

THE decision by François Mitterrand to eschew a state funeral in favour of burial in his hometown of Jarnae was less an act of modesty - a quality with which the former President was not overburdened - than a reflection of the rural romanticism lying just beneath the surface of almost every urban Frenchman and woman.

M Minerrand was no exception. His veneration for the bucolic land of his childhood deep in southwestern France was genuine, but it was also poliocally useful.

Every summer he would be photographed and filmed, sitting beneath the trees at his country home in Les Landes. surrounded by his family, his dog at his feer. He would be seated, more often than not, at a table groaning with country produce.

Some of the more enjoyable footage shows the President nn retreat, striding up the nearby Solutre hill with his poliocal aides and acolvies trotting sweatily in his wake. "A part of every man re-

mains in the country of his youth." he once observed.

If the grandeur of Notre-Dame reflected Mitterrand. the world states man, then the simple church at Jarnac rep-resented Mitterrand, the "paysan" – a representative of "La France Profonde", the real France.

For all the haughty airs that earned him the nickname "Dieu". M Mitterrand also had the common touch, a talent amply testified to by those who converged on the Place de la Bastille on Wednesday night for the mass public rally in memory of the former President.

"He was remarkable man. but he was also one of us." said More Desalles, as he stood listening to the melan-choly strains of Beethoven wafting across the Paris square as thousands stood in

ment that succeeded him.

President Chirac. Alain

silent homage. Hankering for a country past - however distant goes a long way to explain not roots of France. only M Mitterrand's appeal but also, by contrast, the unpopularity of the Govern-



Thousands of Parisians gathered outside Notre-Dame to pay their respects

Juppe, his Prime Minister and the rest of the Cabinet are widely (and in some cases unfairly) seen as metropolitan northerners, technocrats eduthe suburbs. cated at elite schools who are

out of touch with the earthy Government efforts to over haul the rail network, threatening the closure of the from Jarmac. hundreds of tiny branch lines that nourish the country's

deepest corners, is cited as further proof that the new regime has little sympathy for the France that lies beyond

Here, too, the late M Mitfigures at the Pantheon in Paris.

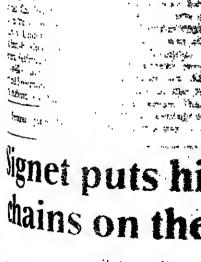
one of M Mitterrand's first acts as President in 1981, mourners gathered by his tomb, in pouring rain, red rose in hand, leaving the flowers piled high. After the

terrand could strike a chord. former President was elected He was, as he liked to remind amid revolutionary fervour 15 his countrymen, the son of the years ago, he went to stand, clutching a red rose, before the tombs of France's great stationmuster for the town of Angouléme, only a few miles

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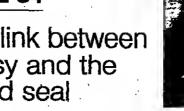
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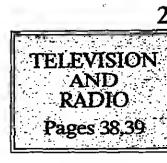
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Sell-off at Sears may cost 1,700 jobs

By SARAH BAGNALL

LIAM STRONG, chief excontive at Sears, the retail group, yesterday unveiled a £65 million restructuring that could involve the loss of at least 1,700 jobs.

Sears announced it intends to sell - or close --its Saxone and Curtess high street shoe chains and dispose of Millets and its Dutch shoe business. If a buyer for the British shoe businesses fails to materialise the 1,100 Saxone stores and 124 Curtess outlets will be closed with the loss of the 1,700 full-

time equivalent jobs. Sears, the Selfridges department store to Freemans catalogue group, is in talks with several potential buyers for the lossmaking businesses. Stephen Hinchliffe, who acquired Freeman Hardy Willis, True Form and Manfield from Sears in August, is

said to be one of the interested parties. The withdrawal from the two shoe formats will

create annual savings of £8 million. Further cost savings of up to £33 million will be made from Sears' decision to out-source its information technology and accounting systems to Andersen Consulting and. to restructure its distribu-

tion systems. Referring to the planned disposal of businesses, Mr Strong said: "These mark an end to the clearing out." The news was greeted with dismay by City institutions who believe Sears should become more focused and sell off other parts of its also expressed concerns. Sears had flat like-forlike sales in the six weeks to January 6. Underlying sales at British Shoe fell 10.9 per cent, Selfridges lifted like-for-like sales 10.7 per cent and Freemans 6.9 per cent, clothing was flat.

Woolwich and Alliance plan market flotations

BY PATRICIA TEHAN AND ROBERT MILLER

ALLIANCE & LEICESTER Building Society will an-nounce plans early next month for a £2.5 billion stock market listing, hard on the heels of yesterday's £3 billion flotation plans from its rival the Woolwich.

ment on its plans to float yesterday, but said: "We have made no secret of the fact that we are considering a number of options, including the possibility of conversion to public company. The board has made no decision yet and the

our timing in this matter." The society is expected to announce plans to pay an avermillion qualifying savers and borrowers next month. This means both A&L and

Woolwich will be coming to the stock market during 1997. The Woolwich's three mil-

Societies Commission.

counts for less than two years will receive a flat payout of shares worth between £500 Floating voters: Peter Robinson, left, Woolwich chief executive, with Sir Brian Jenkins, the chairman, yesterday and £750, while those with accounts of two or more years To qualify for the free of standing will receive an shares, Woolwich investing additional variable payment members must have held at depending on the size of the est E100 in no stauo The society was forced to close its doors to new deposithe cut-off date of December 31. Those who opened accounts this year will not benefit. Peter Robinson, the tors on Wednesday night after rumours that it was about to announce flotation plans prompted 30,000 people to chief executive, said: "I have no concern about not enfranopen accounts on Monday chising carpet-baggers." To assess the variable pay and Tuesday in the hope of receiving a bonus. That comments to members, the Woolpares with an average of 1,000 wich will take amounts in an account on 31 December and new accounts a day.



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announcement by the Woolwich will in no way influence age £900 each to its three

lion qualifying savers and 550,000 qualifying borrowers will receive an average of an estimated £1,000 in a free share distribution next year. By modelling its flotation plans on those of the Halifax, it hopes to avoid a court case, though it has yet to receive approval from the Building

Those who have held ac-



Bank tries to stop another **Barings**

By GEORGE STVELL THE Bank of England has

sent to the Commons Treasury Select Committee a copy of its progress report on plugging gaps in the financial system that were revealed by the

Barings collapse. The committee, which is examining discrepancies in reports by the British and Singaporean authorities on the £860 million Barings collapse, approved publication of the pro-gress report, released yesterday. Bank of England officials say that they have reviewed 15 of 17 recommendations made by the Board of Banking Supervision report on Barings published last July. Two more recommendations are being considered by Arthur Andersen, the consultants called in by the Bank last October to review the quality its supervi-sion of the financial system. The Bank progress report says that a framework has been established to measure the risks to which a banking group is exposed. Banks will be asked whether any operation in the group involves more than 5 per cent of capital or whether it makes or loses 5 per cent of profits or losses. In an echo of the Barings collapse, exposures of more than 10 per cent of a bank's capital

Banks have also been asked to nominate a main board director to take responsibility for filing financial details to the Bank of England. They will be expected to meet the In future, consolidation of non-banking operations into the main bank for regulatory purposes, as happened with Barings Singapore and the

disposals highlight the problem of overcapacity in th oil industry. The two refineries up for sale are Lima in the United States and Lavera in France. Page 23 Trafalgar sale

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Mr Robinson said that the society needed to convert risk by effectively putting itself because as a plc it would be able "to combat the gathering threat of increased competition". The society believed size was important "and will become increasingly so". City observers believe the society might use the flotation

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Flotation will probably be in the autumn. After that the new bank would be safe from to raise additional capital for

predators for at least five years as there would be a 15 per cent limit on share ownership. Mr Robinson accepted that

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Thomas, building society ana-lyst at UBS, said: "The Wool-

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Persimmon, the housebuilder is in talks with debt-laden Trafalgar House about buying its Ideal Homes subsidiary and expects to announce a deal by the end o this month. Beazer said it was "surprised and disappointed" at this news because it had made an offer that had been ignored. Page 26

Signet puts high street chains on the market

By SARAH BAGNALL

SIGNET GROUP, the former Argos management indicated an interest last year. Next is said to be in the process of Ramers jewellery business, has put its Ernest Jones and H Samuel chains up for sale in a move that could realise up to forming a consortium with a view to making an offer. James McAdam, Signet's E300 million and help to secure the group's financial

chairman, said: "There have been a lot of people sniffing around. There is considerable interest in the businesses. But A number of companies are thought to be interested in buying the businesses, which hold the largest share of the British jewellery market and we will only sell them if we can get the price we want." Pro-



trying to obtain backing to purchase H Samuel, the big-ger of the two chains. Goldsmiths has said it is interested in acquiring both businesses or just Ernest Jones, while McAdam: playing it cool

ceeds will be used to pay down the group's £350 million of debt. This would help profitability as interest payments would be reduced to realistic levels. The news was welcomed by rebel shareholders, who hold a mixture of preference and ordinary shares giving them 22.3 per cent voting power. A spokesman said: We are very pleased. The selling of the UK business is

what we suggested last year and it's finally happening." The sale would leave Signet with Sterling, the second biggest jewellery retailer in the US, which control of the which contributes 60 per cent of group sales. The development came as Signet re-vealed that pre-tax profits for the year to February 3 would exceed forecasts. Analysts lifted predictions from between £15 million and £18 million to £20 million, compared to last year's £8.1 million.

UK manufacturing static in November

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH manufacturing ac-tivity was stagnant in November, prompting the City to speculate on the outside chance of another base rate cut next week when the Chancellor meets the Governor of the

Bank of England. The Central Statistical Office said that it now estimates that manufacturing is grow-ing at a rate of only 0.5 per cent a year. Taking the average of the last three months, a good guide to the overall trend, manufacturing fell 0.t per cent compared with the previous three months. This is the first time there has been a

fall between two three-month periods since August 1993. Industrial production, which includes the output of the North Sea and energy production, rose 0.5 per cent as demand for gas and electricity bounced back after October's unusually warm weather

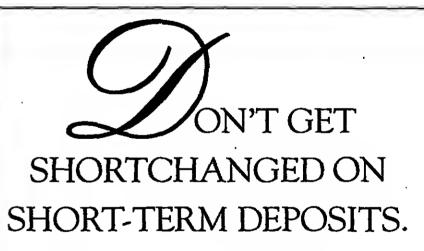
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not only weaker domestic demand but also the impact of very high stock levels, built up throughout last year, and a weakening in exports. lan Shepherdson, UK economist at HSBC Markets, said

that the situation for manufacturing could get worse as companies run down their stocks and that it is difficult to see a decent recovery until the second half of this year when growth in America and Europe may be a bit stronger. He said that hase rates will fall over the next few months, predicting the first cut next

The slowdown in Europe was highlighted yesterday by figures showing that German gross domestic product rose only 1.9 per cent in 1995, down from 2.9 per cent the year before. Economists argued that the 1995 figure could be revised sharply lower. It was particularly worrying that western German GDP in-

supervision On the vital question of international co-operation with other regulators, the Bank says there "is no agreed international model on how regulators Pennington, page 23 Mutual attraction, page 25 should relate" and that there City Diary, page 25 "could be legal impediments".



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fashion retailer. Mr Ratner is said to be

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nent, the MERCURY Asset Manage fund manager that played a key role in ensuring the success of Granada's takeover of London Weekend Television, disclosed yesterday that it had bought 12 million additional shares in Forte. Independent analysis said that its buying spree suggests it is betting that Granada's £3.8 billion hostile offer for Forte will win.

MAM bought the 12 million shares at market prices over the past few days. It now owns 144 million Forte shares, or 15.2 per cent of the company and is the single biggest Forte share-

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holder. At the closing price of 368 p, up 8½p, those shares are valued at about £530 million. It also bought a further 1.1 million Granada shares, raising its stake to 14.5 per cent. MAM would not say why it had

bought so many Forte shares. It is inderstood that decisions to buy were made by individual fund managers within the group looking for a "cheap way of getting into Granada", assum-ing, of course, that Granada wins.

Granada has offered four new Granada shares and £23.25 in cash for every 15 Forte shares. It has also offered a special dividend of 47p, which is worth aboot 59p with the tax

credit. Arbitrageurs have figured out that buying a Forte share at the market price in effect would give them a Granada share for 580p to 600p inst Granada's closing share price

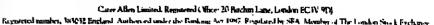
of 664p, up 11p. One analyst said: "If MAM thought the bid wasn't going to go through, I doubt they would be buying."

Both Granada and Forte doubt they can win the battle unless they secure the allegiance of Carol Gailey, MAM's joinl vice-chairman. In 1994, she held the key to Granada's hostile £724 million bid for LWT. MAM backed Granada's bid and it won. More than 40 million Forte shares.

or about 2 per cent of the share capital, were traded yesterday on top of the 48 million shares traded on Wednesday. to other developments, hotel experts said plans by Forte or Granada to sell luxury hotels could depress prices across the sector. Alex Kyriakidis, head of the hotel group at Arthur Andersen Consulting, said: "There is a problem of too much supply." He notes that the Langham Hilton in London has been on the market for about £100 million for about six months and that Britannia Inter-Continental is now up for auction.

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deposit count.

OVERSEAS NEWS

Patten challenges Peking to set up democratic council

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG AND JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

CHRIS PATTEN, Hong Kong's Covernor, yesterday challenged Peking not to es-tablish a "counterfeit" Legisla-time Commit hore and wowed to tive Council here and vowed to continue to call for democracy and the rule of law.

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Earlier, British officials in Peking had enthused about an improvement in Sino-British relations after three days of talks between Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, and Chinese ministers. It was difficult to see, however, what had been achieved.

Despite the high hopes raised by Mr Rifkind's first visit to China, and the gloss he put on his meetings with Li Peng, the Prime Minister, and Qian Qichen, the Foreign Minister, it was clear last night that little progress had been made on the two main points at issue: the retention of the Legislative Council after the transfer of sovereignty in June 1997, and a greater role for Mr Patten.

The point was reinforced yesterday when Mr Qian said that abolition of the Legisla-

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tive Council in 1997 was not negotiable. Mr Patten, meanwhile, speaking on Hong Kong's government radio station, questioned whether Peking intended to set up a fairly elected legislative body or "a cardboard cut-out, or a counterfeit".

The remark will outrage and its determination to re-Peking, which describes Mr spect that autonomy." Asked about the Legislative Patten's constitutional changes, including the elected Council, Mr Rifkind said: council, as a violation of "That position has not British-Chinese agreements on the political structure of the colony in the run-up to 1997. Peking says it will establish a "provisional council" on July 1, 1997, and hold elections for a substitute body at a later date. that matter". On the question of raising important issues. Mr Patten said: "I will continue to speak up for the rule of law and freedom of speech." He said he intended, courteously, to con-

Escort Cabaret.



The shuttle Endeavour streaks skyward yesterday from the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida, leaving the city of Cocca Beach on the right. A crew of six will undertake a nine-day satellite retrieval and scientific mission

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Dissident warns of threat to Dominica

BY MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE Saudi dissident, Dr Muhammad al-Masari, facing deportation from Britain, gave a warning yesterday that his arrival in Dominica would endanger safety on the Carib-bean island.

Speaking shortly after handing in his appeal papers contesting the order by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, Dr Masari said he fully agreed with Rosi Douglas, the opposition leader in Dominica, that his presence on the island would be a threat to its safety. He said Dominica had only 300 police, who could not stop a mercenary force of 50 to 60 people who might be sent to

eliminate him. "The country is simply too small." Dr Masari said. He had discussed the issue with Mr Douglas during his visit to Britain on Tuesday and noted that the opposition would move a vote of no-confidence in the island's Government. Dr Masari, an Islamic activist, also denied a report in today's Jewish Chronicle that he had links with an Islamic group in Britain which had threatened Jewish students.

Socialists take on **Tokyo's poisoned** finance chalice

FROM GWEN ROBINSON IN TOKYO

JAPAN announced a conservative-dominated Cabinet yesterday under Ryutaro Hashimoto, the new Prime Minister, with key posts for the Liberal Democratic Party and finance going to the Socialists. The post of Finance Minis-

ter has always been regarded as one of the most powerful positions. However, recent fi-nancial scandals and problems, including a government plan to use nearly 700 billion yen (£4 billion) in taxpayers' money to liquidate financially troubled housing loan firms,

has taken the lustre off the portfolio. Mr Hashimoto is known to have offered the post to nu-merous senior LDP politi-

cians, but they all turned it down. The Liberal Democrats have taken on the key posts of home affairs and defence.

The strategic block of parliamentary votes held by the Socialists ensured the party a

Wataru Kubo, the secretarygeneral of the Socialist Party. agreed to take the finance post. reportedly on the basis that he will also serve as Deputy

strong representation in the previous coalition administration. The portfolios of finance and defence were regarded as too sensitive to be given to the

Prime Minister.

lence Minister and LDP colleague, as Foreign Minister. Mr lkeda will have to face the difficult task of handling Japan's relations with the Uniied States, amid growing opposition from the southern island of Okinawa to the

party.

Mr Hashimoto appointed Yukihiko Ikeda, a former De-

presence of US military bases.

changed ... I believe it would be of considerable damage to confidence in Hong Kong if the council was dismantled and we hope the Chinese Government will reflect on □ Bush plea: The former US President George Bush has called for a new dialogue with China. Talking in Hong Kong after meeting Chinese leaders in Peking, he warned against tinue to debate political mat-American isolationism as Chiters with the Chinese, insisting na develops into a world power. (AFP) that acquiescence would mean "breaking promises to the people of Hong Kong". Letters, page 17



At first glance the Cabaret would seem to be the ideal choice for all those family outings. What with central double locking, electric front windows and an anti-theft alarm it's certainly not lacking in refinement. But look a little closer. The wheels are five spoke alloys[†] Then there's

Thist available on 14 or 18 Turbo Diesel. ⁺TStandard only on 16. ⁺On the road price includes

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the rear spoiler and sport style bumpers. Notice how they're colour coded to match the metallic body paint⁺⁺(Just one of six colours available.) Be under no illusions. The Cabaret is more

Under the bonnet is a Zetec 1.6i, 16 valve

than just an average family saloon.

engine. Although we've a choice of 14i or 18 Turbo diesel if you prefer,

But with an on the road price* of £12,200 (a mere £11,600 for the 14i), this sporty edition could be the most sensible family

car you're ever likely to buy.

nt- Escart Cabaret 1.6: Also available Escart Cabaret 1.8 Turbo Diensi - <u>\$12.600</u> on the road.



Hashimoto victory seals tilt to Right

BY PAUL CARTER

THE election of Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Liberal Democratic Party leader, as the Prime Minister of Japan consolidates the success of rightwing forces.

With the main opposition New Frontier Party led by Ichiro Ozawa, a former LDP strongman, the political situatioo is akin to having Michael Portillo and John Redwood in charge of the two main parties in Britain.

This renewed entrench-ment of the Right is extraordinary for, after the general election of July 1993, the 38year period of continuous LDP rule ended and power

was assumed by an eightparty coalitioo intent on changing the direction of politics and breaking what had become one-party dominated rule. What went wrong? Part of the answer lies with

the split in the LDP which precipitated the 1993 election, prompted by the younger members' impatience with the septuagenarians who ran the party. It was Mr Ozawa who passionately argued the need for change and initiated what became known as the futsu no kuni or "normal country" debate. To Mr Ozawa, "normal country" equates with one which can defend itself independently.

The strong-arm tactics and backroom defection deals of Mr Ozawa eventually led to the formation of the 170member New Frontier Party which last year proved its ability as a credible fighting force when it won 54 of the 84 seats on offer in the Upper House elections. Since 1993 the Socialists have been bounced between coalitions like a political football, eventually forming an unusual alliance with the LDP under the temporary caretaker prime ministership of Tomiichi Murayama, During this time, to make their marriage to the LDP work and in the hope of engaging the electorate's trust, the Socialists recanted all of their key . International Studies, Univpolicies. After the resignation



Hashimoto: wants seat on the Security Council

of Mr Murayama and the sidelining of the Socialists, the Right has again reasserted itself in government under Mr Hashimoto.

Moreover. now the leadership of the two main parties has skipped a generation, Japanese politics is faced with the relatively youthful Mr Hashimoto, aged 58, and Mr Ozawa, 53. The desire for change which led to the initial split of the LDP is still apparent, with both leaders being vocal in their support for Japan's claim of permanent membership of the United Nations Security Council, and both arguing for constitutional change. With the Socialists side-

lined a political scenario has arisen where two conservative parties vie for power. Mr Ozawa and the Right have clearly won the "normal country" debate. Whether this result was serendipitous or sheer Machiavellianism on the part of Mr Ozawa, the emergence of two main conservative parties and the expectation of high Socialist Party losses in the next election does raise fears about the legitimacy of a democracy whose opposition and governing party is represented by a conservative block with few if any balancing factors. Paul Carter researches Japanese politics at the Centre for

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Mutual admiration society

PETER ROBINSON has a L PETER ROBINSON has a nerve, complaining about the "carpet-baggers" who have pitched up at Woolwich as investors merely in the hope of sharing in the largesse from demutualisation. The progress of the Woolwich towards a stock market flotation was hardly the best kept secret in the City. Instead the market has been massaged for months be-

been massaged for months bebeen utassaged to more than the second transformer by enticing tibits of information. No surprise, therefore, that arbitrageurs have decided to take positions at the Woolwich, as at any other building society where management have not explicitly set their faces against going public. That rather ar-bitrary December 31 dealline is not going to weed out all of these. But the Woolwich has handled it all rather better than the Alliance & Leicester, its main rival in the race towards the stock market, which late last year found its systems over-whelmed by the volume of punters wanting to place a bet. Yesterday's news will also have

perceived to be in a race that the Woolwich has now won. Investors in other building societies presented with similar unexpected gift horses over the course of this year will not be too inclined to count their teeth. But the race to demutualisation will have its non-runners, and their

motives should be respected. There is nothing wrong with opting to remain a small building society with an established regional client base trading out out if a rich enough owner can be found or limp along for years as the favourite to finish last. of a limited number of premises. Such societies will never lack investors or borrowers, and mu-tual status provides some protec-Wheel of tion from an expansion-crazed financial services sector. fortune

The British banking sector has for years served as the perfect testing ground for Hutber's First Law, that improvement equals deterioration. So those societies greatly discomfited the A&L, despite that building society's studied air of nonchalance, that decide to go public should also have their motives strongly scrutinised. The Woolwich stratbecause the two were always egy yesterday was dressed up

with a suspicious amount of corporate verbiage, but quota-tion will lead to enough useful PENNINGTON avenues to explore that would be

closure costs. A further provi-sion of \$465 million relates to

provision for potendal envi-ronmental liabilities. BP has

spent \$1.3 billion over the last

three years bringing six of its

refineries up to its top quartile

\$300 million. He said that the

company would not rule out

partnerships with investors for the Lavera and Lima

refineries if an outright sale

could not be achieved. He

indicated that closure also

remained an option

closed to a mutual society. Those building societies stranded in the middle, with no clear reason to stay mutual and no real expansion strategy, will simply be swallowed up. Shed a tear here for the Nationwide, reputation and loan book in tatters, which will either be taken

Mr Ratner's karmio wheel might just be about to turn again, because he must be among the candidates to buy back the British arm of his former creation.

Such a reversal might appeal to sentimentalists, but it is not the most obvious outcome of the GPORGET crystal decanters, forget gold earrings with the life expectancy of a Marks & Spencer decidedly rum decision by Signet to put its two British chains. H Samuel and Ernest Jones, up for sale. Mr Ratner is not the frontrunner; a more likely purchaser is Jurek Piasecki at Goldsmiths Group, the man who has most successfully traded on Mr

Ratner's eclipse. Signet spent most of 1995 insisting the two chains were not about to be sold

to Mr Piasecki, despite increas-ingly loud hints to the contrary from that quarter. The board's from that quarter. The board's change of tack, the party line now goes, has nothing to do with the still unresolved row with Signet's rebel shareholders, a stroppy band of mercenaries well hardened by earlier cor-porate battles who have 20 per cort of the work A special fate for special dividends

□ GRANADA is not to be blamed for deploying the weapon of a special dividend, because such payments already have an established if, dis-honourable history. Last year, regional electricity companies were found to have so much cash that such dividends cent of the votes. If so, there is only one other

credible reason for it. Christmas for Signet this year was a good one, in the US if not in Britain. But first-half trading last year much cash that such dividends was poor, and jewellery is such a helped to fund their own demise volatile business that future trade could go both ways. by providing a built-in boost to predators' offers. As the fad caught on, it was taken up in A sale would leave a reason-Lloyds Bank's merger with TSB. But there are two clear objections to them as part of bid terms.

ably well-financed US retailer with a London quote, a situation that would have to be amended in due course. It would also take much of the ammunition away from the rebels, by cutting debts

shareholders be offered equal terms. But such payments delib-erately offer pension funds terms erately other pension funds terms of higher value than those of-fered to most private investors. Gross funds can reclaim 20p in tax for every 80p they receive in net dividends, for instance mak-ing the Granada bid worth 3 per cent more. When will the Take-over Panel act? of £350 million by the £250 million or so that the British chains are worth and so lessening any future pressure for financial restructuring.

They also require taxpayers to help to pay for takeover bids that are increasingly mistrusted by the general public. Most City financiers had assumed the special dividend loophole would be closed in November's Budget. But there is still time to amend the Finance Bill.

Trafalgar Homeless

THE sale of Ideal Homes by Trafalgar House - henceforth to be known as Trafalgar Homeless, presumably - represents a concentration of focus that should find a place in the management consultancy textbooks. After the sale of a profit-able housebuilder, Trafalgar can no longer be dubbed a mixed conglomerate. Instead, it will be almost entirely devoted to the business of making losses.

BP to make big cuts in refining operations

BY CARL MORTISHED

BP is to make huge cutsbacks in its refining operations with Distant of per the sale of two plants in the United States and France and the partial closure of a third in the Netherlands. The \$1.1 billion cost of the closure and sales will be taken as an exceptional charge to after-tax profits for the fourth quarter of 1995.

The cuts are designed to bring BP's loss-making refining operations back into profit. The move follows the sale in November of the Marcus Hook refinery in the US, and 医无法 计目标控制 医疗 the combined effect of that sale and yesterday's planned dis-posals and closure will reduce refining capacity from 2 mil-lion to 1.4 million barrels per

million barrels per day. The refinery cutbacks will bring BP in line with the industry leaders which typically refine less product than they sell. Overcapacity has created a buyer's market for oil products.

BP plans to sell its Lima refinery in Ohio, which is surplus to marketing requirements. The company intends to upgrade its Toledo, Ohio, refinery with a \$200 million investment programme. The Lavera refinery in the south of France will also be sold and the Pernis section of the Nerefco refinery in Rotterdam. jointly owned with Texaco, will be closed with the

loss of 350 jobs. day, well below BP's own product requirement of 1.8 BP will be left with 1] refineries worldwide and John

the company was determined that its assets should be among the top 25 per cent in efficiency and profitability. Refineries are under pressure worldwide because of excess capacity and sluggish demand. BP reckons that global refining margins were only \$1.70 per barrel last year. They have since improved to \$2.40 but the company expects deterioration as new refineries in Asia come on stream this year. Mr Browne said that debottlenecking and efficiency improvements at existing plants was further increasing capacity at the rate of 0.7 per cent per year. The exceptional charge in-

Browne, chief executive, said

prawn sandwich. The day Ger-ald Rainer's runaway mouth sealed his fate was in 1987, when

he said "yes" to the \$200 million

purchase of Sterling.

cludes \$610 million for anticipated losses on sale and Reg Vardy's record six months

helped Reg Vardy, the Sunderland motor dealer. to a 22.3 per cent advance in pre-tax profits to £6.15 million in the six months Peter Vardy, chairman,

history", boosted by several new dealerships and the key N registration month of Aogust Turn-over expanded by \$1.6 per cent to £279.8 million. The interim dividend is

share. The shares dipped

The company is also in talks with its largest customers on whether it should weaken its

ally a younger person's drink. Mr Aikens said he was confi-

dent the company's brands

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

Matthew Clark boycotts

alcoholic soft drinks

cider brands before October.

above 7.5 per cent alcohol

content. The tax of 8p a pini,

announced in the last Budget,

would affect premium brands

ber, plans to spend about £18.5

million on restructuring, but

lion a year, El million ahead of

its predictions,

such as Diamond White.

They contravene the spirit, if not the letter, of the City Take-

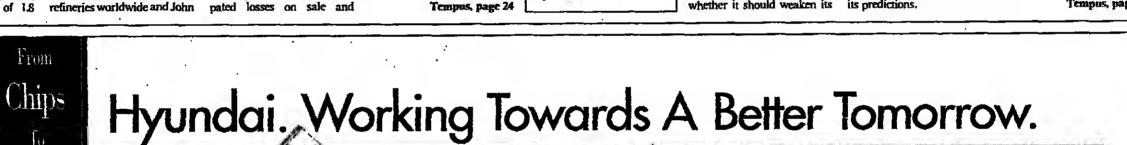
over Code. This demands that all

Matthew Clark, which when a new tax will hit ciders more than doubled its halfyear pre-tax profits on the contribution of Gaymer from E7.2 million to E15.4 million, cast a cloud over its performance - which had benefited Mr Aikens said: "We are from a growth in the cider market and demand for its discussing who would bear the brunt of the cost, and if our customers decided they would mineral water - with a de-cline in wholesale operating profits.

prefer a lower strength, then we could produce it." Overall margins at the The company, which bought Taunton last Novemwholesale units fell by an average of one percentage point, while operating profits fell 11 per cent to £1.9 million. Last month the company bought Griersons, the coun-

estimates cost savings of Ell million a year. It said it had achieved higher cost savings try's third largest wholesaler, than anticipated from the from Forte. The interim dividend, payabsorption of Gaymer, which it bought last year, and was realising benefits of £10 milable April 9, was lifted 12.5 per cent to 9p.

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4p to 269p.

NEW dealerships and strong organic growth in vehicle sales and aftersales MATTHEW CLARK, the drinks company which is the biggest cider producer in the UK, yesterday pledged not to

produce an alcoholic soft drink and added its voice to the growing criticism over the drink, which this week led to the main drinks companies adopting a code of conduct.

said the period was the "busiest in the group's

raised 12.5 per cent to 2.25p (2p), payable on April 30, from earnings ahead 20 per cent to 9p (7.5p) a

could not be mistaken for more innocuous drink.

standard and intends to bring the remaining five up to the same level. However, Mr Brown said that the disposal would mean that annual investment in refining of \$450 million would be reduced to

to October 31 (Philip Pangalos writes).

Peter Aikens, chief executive of the company, which comprises Gaymer and Taunton cider, said; "We won't produce one because we do not agree with drinks being aimed at such young people." Although cider is tradition-

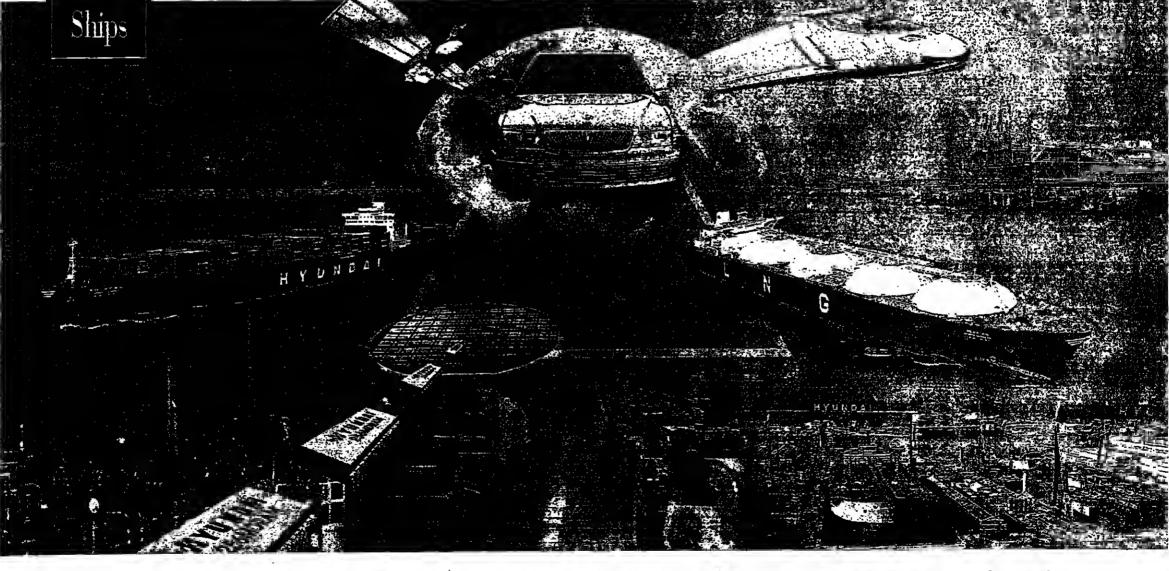


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Market-makers fight back to stem slide

MICHAEL CLARK

SHARES on the London stock market put up a resilient performance in the face of the near 100-point fall in the Dow Jones average overnight on Wall Street.

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Market-makers were quick off the mark in order to deter potential sellers and it appears that their tactics met with some success. At one stage the FT-SE 100 index was down more than 26 points, but it later rallied, helped by an opening rally in New York, to close off the bottom with a fall of 16.6 points at 3,654.9 on turnover of 865 million shares. The sharp fall on Wall

Street had been anticipated for some time. The failure to resolve the deadlock over the US federal budget deficit provided the opportunity for the correction to be made.

Brokers in London said there was little genuine selling pressure as institutional investors continued to take a bullish view of prospects over the medium term.

There were also other factors underpinning the market. Large sums, accrued following the expiry of five-year Tessa schemes, need to be reinvested as will the profits accrued if Granada wins control of Forte.

There appears to be no shortage of takeover speculation, with traders convinced that another blue chip will soon find itself under the hammer. The money yesterday was resting on Grand Metropolitan, up 42p at 449p, and Ladbroke, 4p stronger at 152p, Talk that Bass, down 7p at 710p, may want to bid for Ladbroke has been revived.

There was further heavy turnover in Forte as the arbitrageurs continued to take a keen interest by gambling on a Granada victory. By the close a total of 40.5 million Forte shares had been traded as the



A 4p share dip for, left to right, Matthew Clark's Hugh Etheridge, Andy Nash. Peter Aikens and Peter Huntley

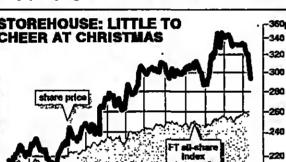
downgrade their profit forea 5.5 per cent increase in sales casts for the current year. at Boots during the 13 weeks to December 31. Chemist opera-Storehouse fell 21p to 300p tions made most of the runafter reporting static sales in the six week run-up to Christning, but Halfords was flat and Do It All saw a decline. mas, but increased gross margins resulted in higher profits. The news was little better The shares finished 7p lower at 591p.

Carpetright responded posfrom Sears. with the group now planning to hall the rot by itively to a bullish performance, rising 15p to 429p. closing its Saxone and Curtess During the first six months of shoe shops and selling

Unilever fell 25p to £13.17 after a downgrading by ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker. Like other brokers, Hoare is becoming increasingly worried about Britisb companies with interests in Germany. It has cut its forecast for 1996 by £60 million to £2.5 billion and for 1997 by £40 million to £2.79 billion.

the year pre-tax profits grew from £3.05 million to £10.1 million with earnings up nearone-third. Lord Harris of Peckham, chairman, said the group currently had 221 stores but planned to double that number within the next two to three years.

Sears and Storehouse was



house from £115 million to £107 million. Sears ended 12p higher at 992p.

There was some good news at long last for shareholders of McDonnell Douglas Information Systems (MDIS) as it emerged that Geac Computer Corporation has acquired a near 4 per cent stake in the company. MDIS ended 9p higher at 59p. Matthew Clark, the cider

maker, failed to benefit from pre-tax profits that more than doubled. The shares fell 4p to 689p. The group said the improvement had been fuelled by better than expected savings from Gaymers. The good news was undermined by a slide in margins at its whole-

A report in The Times lifted Cable and Wireless 4p to 460p. The report confirmed that. C&W failed to agree terms with American Telephone and Telegraph last year over the sale of its Mercury telecom business. Traders in London take the view that AT&T will not let the matter rest there and come back with a definite offer. This could

opened lower, reflecting overnight falls in US Treasury bonds and continental bond markets. But the appearance of a few bargain hunters provided the signal for a rally, with prices edging back into positive territory by lunchtime. This proved short-lived, with US Treasury bonds extending their losses in re-

In the futures pit, the March series of the long gilt traded in narrow limits throughout much of the session before closing all-square at £110912 as a total of 68,000 contracts were

completed. In the cash market, brokers

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TEMPUS **Refining the oil industry**

proposing to sell two plants and close part of a third, the market would have rejoiced. Turning barrels of crude oil into gasoline, diesel and heating oil is a business that loses money worldwide and the already thin margins earned by refineries are likely to get worse as their number increases.

What the oil industry needs is fewer refineries, but one million extra barrels of capacity will come on stream this year adding to the gradual drip of barrels from debottlenecking and more efficent use of plant.

BP deserves credit for taking aggressive action to attempt to put its own operations into profit but savings of up to \$150 million per year could take years to come through compared with the immediate hit of over \$1

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LIAM STRONG is adamant that the clearing out at Sears has ended, but City institu tions want more. Long criti-cised by the City for its botchpotch of businesses. Sears until recently encompassed women's wear, shoes, sportswear, mail order and Selfridges department store. Sportswear has gone, as have a brace of shoe retail-

ers, and yesterday Strong revealed that Saxone. Curtess, Millets and the Dutch shoe business are the latest to face expulsion. The move is welcome but

is considered too little and rather late. Sears is in the final year of a three-year recovery programme but profits have yet to show much improvement. Analysts have again trimmed their forecasts — to about £105 million, excluding yes-

Lonrho

CONGLOMERATES are so deeply unfashionable that Lonrho's new management may feel confident that spinning off the mining business will in itself enhance shareholder value. That assumption should be knocked quickly on the head. At least two of the mining assets, Ashanti and Duiker Mining, are already quoted companies and the platinum interests have a see-through value from

1F BP had yesterday announced it was shutting down three refineries, rather than refineries not only cost a fortune to build but environmental regulation imposes a huge price on shutting them down. The marginal cost of running a loss-making plant is easily concealed within the accounts of an oil company when refining is lumped together with the highly profitable business of marketing oil products.

Refineries tend to absorb cash as new products and processes demand new kit. taking funds that BP would rather spend on more profitable upstream activities. BP had little choice but to reduce its output which was running well ahead of the barrels it could sell but the \$1 billion sacrifice will do little to change the shaky economics of the industry. A little more disclosure by companies of the cost of their refineries might do more.

terday's £65 million restructuring charge. Sears needs cash to invest in its businesses and the move to out-source a range

expected uotil 2000.

The hope remains that Strong will further dismantie his sprawling empire with a sale of the women's wear brands or the mail order business. Shareholders' paof services such as accounting will free up about £23 million of funds. Withdrawtience is beginning to wear thin and unless Sears demal from the latest batch of onstrates solid gains without further asset sales, investors sinesses will free further may seek disposals in the funds but the benefits are not hoardmom.

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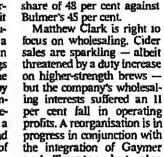
gime, profitability has vastly improved and it is not unreasonable to assume further gains but Lonrho still generates a huge amount of profit from Africa, Currency fluctuations have in the past had a devastating Impact on Lonrho's retained earnings and last year reduced the

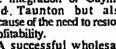
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Clark may pick up the odd wholesaler but we have probably seen the last of the drinks takeovers which have propelled the company to No I in UK cider with a market share of 48 per cent against

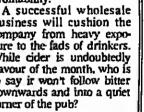
focus on wholesaling. Cider sales are sparkling - albeit threatened by a duty increase on higher-strength brews --but the company's wholesal-ing interests suffered an 11 per cent fall in operating

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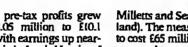




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Milletts and Sears Retail (Holland). The measures are likely to cost £65 million. The picture



was made worse by the decline in overall sales, mainly the result of a near 12 per cent decline in sales at British Shoe, BZW has slashed its profit estimate for Sears in the

The news from stores like current year by £10 million to £105 million. It has also re-

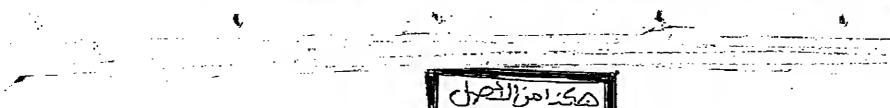
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Pressure to compete wins over yet another convert to banking status

The Woolwich's decision to abandon 150 years of mutuality came after much soulsearching and widespread leaking of its plans. Conversion to banking status, the Woolwich ar-gued, is the only way it could hope to retain its position as Britain's fifth biggest mortgage lender, expand its business and compete head-on with rival homeoscipar searching and widespread rival boncossurers. With the Alliance & Leicester

poised to announce similar plans, the Woolwich's move effectively signals the end for big, national mutuals. Mutuality, said Peter Robinson, new chief executive of the Woolwich, has a place for a building society that has a strong regional bias, and that sticks to its core business

He said the Woolwich needs to "escape from the constraints of pre-scriptive legislation," needs greater flexibility in funding operations. "particularly in gaining wider access to capital, with which to fuel increased business development, including acquisitions; and more definite clarity in the relationship between customers purchasing, for example, fee earning services such as current accounts and unit trusts, and those investing and borrowing members who actually own the business" The Woolwich flotation, valuing

the society at an estimated £3 billion. is likely to mean a rough average of £1,000 for each of its 3.5 million qualifying members.

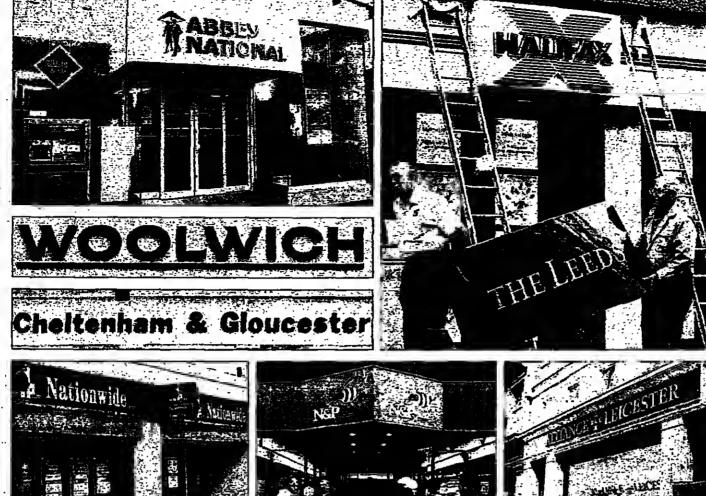
Given the trend for large societies to convert to bank status and seek a stock market listing, Simon Briscoe, UK economist at Nikko Europe, estimated that nearly one in three of the population are poised to benefit from a payout and, if mergers and acquisitions continue at the present rate, one in two will benefit.

Before the Woolwich announced its plans, proposed conversions totalled Ell billion. The Woolwich takes this to El4 billion. An Alliance & Leicester float at an estimated £2.5 billion would lift the total to £16.5 billion.

Abbey National set the ball rolling in 1989 when it floated at a stock market value of £1.7 billion and qualifying members benefited from the distribution of 100 free shares worth 130p each and the opportunity to apply for additional shares at 130p. Abbey shareholders who kept their shares would now have a holding worth £632. The bank is capitalised at £8.3 billion. On the first day of trading the bank was 100 per cent owned by its 5.5 million members. Today it is 50 per cent owned by institutions, although 2

million people still hold sbares. Since Abbey National first tested the stock market water for converted building societies, and proved that it can be a successful business move, others have been keen to follow. The sweeteners to convince members to vote for conversion to plc have grown considerably since the Abbey's modest free share offer. Abbey broke the mould again last year

Mutual attraction wears off for the Woolwich



Whichever firms remain mutual, change is being forced on the industry, and not only by the departure of the biggest societies

when it launched the first hostile bid £750, which they can receive in cash. for a building society, making a and an extra payment depending on the size of their savings account. stock market announcement that it

had tried and failed to hold merger Such consolidation in the industry talks with National & Provincial. is a factor in the sudden urgency for The move initially infuriated N&P, societies such as the Woolwich and which had been close to agreeing a Alliance & Leicester to convert to merger and conversion with the Nationwide, However, forced to put bank status. Lloyds Bank said it planned to start a "mortgage war" with the £1.8 billion takeover of its owners' interests first, the society effectively put itself up for auction, Cheltenham & Gloucester Building attracting interest from five organ-Society, which was completed last isations before reaching agreement to sell itself to Abbey for £1.35 August. This saw nearly one million C&G members receive bonus payments averaging £2,500. The top N&P's L34 million qualifying payout, however, was a generous members are to receive at least £500 £14,044.

The Halifax merged with the in Abbey shares. Savers of more than two years' standing will receive Leeds Building Society, also in biggest building society when the

August. The new giant plans a stock market flotation this year, which is likely to value the firm at £10 billion. Qualifying members will receive between £800 and £1,000 in shares, with cash payments to those under the age of 18 and with less than £100

in their accounts. The Alliance & Leicester, which also owns Girobank, is considering a range of options. These include a takeover or merger followed by a stock market listing or a straightfor-ward flotation such as that proposed by the Woolwich. A flotation announcement is believed to be scheduled for next month.

The Nationwide, which will be the

Halifax converts, said, yesterday that it had no plans to convert. The society appears to have decided to batten down the hatches after its

failed attempt to merge with N&P. Brian Davis, its chief executive, said: "We have absolutely no plans to do anything other than stay as a building society." He said the society can achieve everything it wants to as a mutual society. As the UK's eighth biggest retail

financial services firm, Nationwide, is committed to mutuality until it its plans to merge with the Leeds and float on the stock market. has fully resolved the problems it faced after a difficult merger with Anglia. It is seen as a takeover target for a firm such as BAT, the tobacco and financial services group, which

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The big worry is that Britain has far too few indigenous

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is known to wish to expand. For those building societies that have little chance of converting to plc status, unless one of the bigger players tables a takeover bid, mergers with each other are the only practical way forward. An early indication of how these might work was announced at the beginning of the month when the £700 million Stroud & Swindon said that it was to take over the £100 millioo City & Metropolitan. The move will trigger bonus payments of up to £2,500 for thousands of C&M members. At the time of the announcement

Richard Payne, chief executive of the S&S which is ranked twenty-fifth in the building society league, told The Times: "We are not a predator and this is not a hostile action. It is very much an old-fashioned agreed merger between two building societies who believe in the long-term future of mutuality."

Ken Culley, chairman of the Build-ing Societies Association, said of the oolwich move: "Following recent intense speculation, this announce ment comes as no surprise. However, this decision is one that the Woolwich Building Society has taken for itself alone. There will still be more than 70 building societies and they will continue to play an important part in the financial system. As recent mortgage rate cuts and analysis of the maturing Tessas show, building societies consis-tently affer very competitive products to their members and are popular with the public. There is every reason for the building society sector to continue to thrive." Whichever firms remain mutual,

change is being forced on the industry, and not only by the departure of its biggest societies. After completing a two-year review of building societies last year the Treasury granted the mutuals a number of significant concessions. such as being able to raise money more easily on the capital markets. But ministers indicated that in return they wanted boards of directors to be more accountable to their members and to consider sharing profits in the good years by paying a form of dividend or offering higher savings or lower mortgage rates.

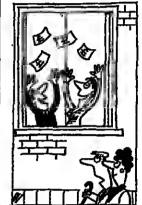
The medium-sized societies are divided in their response to the conversion mania going on around them. Bradford & Bingley has said it is committed to independence and mutuality. Britannia is tipped as showing interest in the stock market, Bristol & West, which is trying to divest itself of Hamptons estate agency, is seen as a takeover target. Despite protestations by smaller societies like Bradford & Bingley, it is worth bearing in mind that Joo Foulds, chairman of the Habiax, was still espousing the virtues of inutual-ity only months before it announced

PATRICIA TEHAN AND ROBERT MILLER



Laura Ashley's secret shopper

LAURA ASHLEY has won a new fan and half a customer. I say "half" because Julie Ramshaw, five years at Morgan Stan-ley, where she is a vicepresident and the retail analyst, is joining the soft furnishings and clothing group's executive commit-tee oo January 22. Julie admits she has bought Laora Ashley furnishings in her time - but not its clothes. In the past, she has also been a fervent seller of the shares. However, since new management under chief executive Ann lverson started to improve the group's fortunes, she's turned buyer. Where Julie buys her clothes remains her secret but for her undoubted retail expertise. it's little wonder Laura Ashley approached her with a job offer.



Whatever makes you think they're with the Woolwich?"

AFTER the demise of Saxone in favour of anonymous-sounding new brand names at Sears' British Shoe, wags now predict its next format will be called Shoes-Were-Us.

Red carpet

NO GUESSES as to why the man to be introduced to the House of Lords on February 7 and who started selling rugs at the age of 15 bas chosen to be known by the name, style and title

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and unless we begin to address the structural and cultural weaknesses that constrain business growth, the situation will worsen.

The all-party Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee, which spent oearly 18 months examining almost every aspect of manufacturing competitiveness. gave warning that the "opportunity to bridge the competitiveness gap will be temporary, given the rise of the newly industrialised countries, and action therefore needs to begin

urgently". The Government's Competi-tiveness White Paper acknowledges that British industry is losing out in the race for market share, and draws attention to the "long tail" of poor to mediocre companies finding it harder and harder to compete.

On virtually every independent measure of national competitiveness, the UK's ranking has fallen dramatically over the past 17 years.

According to the World Economic Forum, the UK has slipped towards the bottom end of the international prosperity league table, only two places above Chile. A similar survey by the OECD placed Britain eighteenth out of 24.

Britain's trade balance continues to widen, our share of world trade is falling in relative terms, and our investment record remains embarrassingly poor by international standards.

Such a lacklustre perfor-mance should be ringing alarm bells in every govern-

ment department. The Treasury, which has consistently overshadowed the Department of Trade and industry on competitiveness issues, claims that corporate Britain is "broadly on the right track as things are", and points complacently to the growth of inward investment as a symbol of success. The level of inward invest-

ment has slowed dramatically since the late 1980s, and is now only a third of what British companies invest abroad. Foreign investment is helping to

orporate Britain is need to increase investment by failing to compete eff-British-based firms. ectively enough or extensively enough, The Government also contin-

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ues to trumpet the growth of the small firms sector. Unfortunately, the number of small firms has fallen year on year since 1989 and there has been little evidence of small firms growing into clusters of expanding export-led mediumsized companies akin to the German Mittlestand.

The scarcity of medium-sized companies, which currently account for just 0.4 per cent of enterprises in the UK, has left many of our largest companies increasingly reliant on overseas suppliers. With a few exceptions, growth among the larger

firms has also been disanpointing, especially in manufacturing. The corporate phil-osophy of "more from less" has raised productivity levels and boosted profits, but this has not translated into investment in new capacity. The core problem seems to

be that the availability of income dedicated for investment continues to be squeezed by the relentless shareholder pressure for higher and higher dividend growth. Industrialists complain that

they are unable to look for more from more" because the financial markets are obsessed with maximising shareholder value, and are immune from

system that rewards short-term rises in dividend and deters the long-term drive for capital growth, says Richard Caborn in a call for public. policy to be used to

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the long-term destabilising effects.

Corporate Britain seems to have locked itself into a financial system that rewards shortterm dividend growth and deters longer-term capital investment, especially in the more intangible areas, such as skills training, R&D and inno-vation, which are critical to improved competitiveness. The problem is ecacerbated by the preoccupation with short-term accounting measures, the spread of performance-related pay based on short-term profits, and the Government's lax takeover

and merger regulations. The big pension funds,

pension funds to which they are contributing.

Government has a key role to play in removing the barriers to long-term investment and modifying the attitudes of large institutional investors.

Labour is considering changes in the law to extend the rights of pension beneficia-ries and trustees over their investment managers, alongside proposals to reward long-term share ownership, reforms to competition policy and takeover regulations, and plans for new regional investment schemes under the auspices of regional development agencies. The party's corporate tax

review team is also examining. the various fiscal options available to encourage financial institutions to place less emphasis oo high dividend growth, and other measures to enable a cultural shift.

Governments worldwide are exploring similar measures to boost investment for future prosperity.

The Clinton Administration, for example, is working with the US Competitiveness Council on standards for measuring human resource investment, and on a radical reform programme to promote investment partnerships between institutional shareholders, company managers and staff. In Australia, the focus of the

eighth Social Accord has been vision of the company as a on channelling the country's community of partnership in which each employee has a burgeoning superannuation funds into capturing private investment for public benefit, stake, and where a company's responsibilities are with Keating's own competiclearly delineated". tiveness council warning of the Any system of corporate gov-

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where the interests of the City only makes for poor corporate governance, but seriously conflict with the long-term weakens the UK's long-term health of the UK economy, they need to be balanced by competitive position. As the EU's Competitive-

Part of the competitiveness oess Advisory Group said in gap is clearly down to the way Britain invests and the underits report last summer to the Council of Ministers, "the competitiveness game for Europe mainly revolves lying tensions between finance and industry. However, the corporate culture born out of around a country's ability to the Thatcherite era of boom to accumulate and improve its human capital". bust is also a significant

Labour recognises that the status quo is no longer a viable Investment houses bempan the lack of basic financial option to meeting the competimanagement skills, particutiveness challenge, and we intend to use every tool of among small firms, while the banks claim that public policy to turn Britain. nto a world-class economy most companies rarely see long-term investment growth

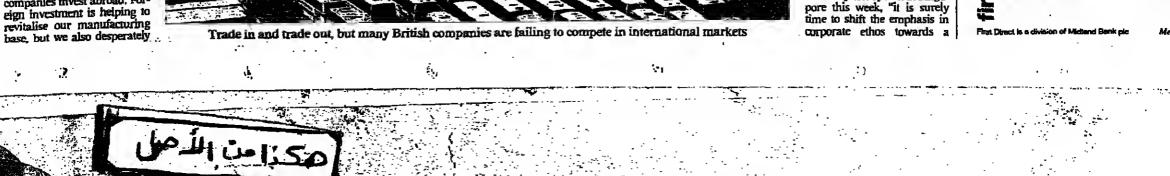
Richard Caborn, MP, is shadow Minister for National Competitiveness

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Peckham, of Peckham In the London Borough of Southwark. After all, it was in the Peckham mar-ket in 1957 that he started more on the magic carpet to

becoming a multimillionaire.

All aboard

FUN and games at the Woolwich photocall yesterday, and I wager the society's Strand branch is soon breated to a lick of paint. Asked to pose for photographers outside the odd-shaped building, ooe of the least lovely examples of the society's 500 strong chain, Peter Robinson, the chief executive, was heard to mutter that the facade was terrible. Strolling back down the Strand afterwards, photographers flippantly suggested he jump aboard a nearby number six bus.

Robinson readily agreed, even though the Aldywch to Kensal Rise route goes oowhere near Woolwich. COLIN CAMPBELL

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Siemens plans more investment with orders set to top £2bn

By PHILIP PANGALOS

SIEMENS PLC, the UK arm of Siemens AG, the German electronics and engineering group, expects British orders to exceed £2 billion this year and plans more acquisitions in the UK information technology sector to give its UK market position a significant boost.

Jürgen Gchreis, chief executive of Siemens plc, is optimistic on the group's UK prospects, but said that further UK

investment is needed as well as acquisi-tions to fulfil its ambitions and potential. Herr Gehrels said: "The market for information systems in the UK is worth more than £10 billion [annually] ... Clearly our position is rather weak and therefore I think further acquisitions will be necessary to strengthen our position significantly." Herr Gehrels said the total UK

electronics market is worth £50 billion a year, making it the sixth largest in the

growing at about 6 per cent in 1996, the same as 1995. "As in previous years, we mean to grow faster than this," Herr Gehrels added.

In 1995 Siemens plc saw flat turnover of £1.29 billion, though there is an increase of about 20 per cent if distortions in the previous year are stripped out. Post-tax profits amounted to about 2 per cent of turnover.

Orders received grew £200 million, or

especially in research and development, helped exports to rise 29.8 per cent to £268 million, R&D spend grew 8 per cent to £133 milition. Employee numbers rose 2.7 per cent to 10,224.

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Herr Gehrels said Siemens is happy with its investment in GPT, the UK's largest telecoms manufacturer in which it has a 40 per cent stake. "Our acquisition of Plessey, and the subse-

world. He said it is expected to continue 6.4 per cent, breaking the £1.5 billion quent stake in GPT, gave us a good growing at about 6 per cent in 1996, the mark for the first time. Past investment, position in the UK telecoms market. Siemens is very happy with its investment in GPT. It's a top performer: there are no plans to change the arrangement." Last autumn, Siemens acquired a 75

per cent stake in Mercury Communications' private voice communications unit. It also expanded its participation in the rail maintenance market.

Herr Gehrels said the privatisation of British Rail and the Private Finance Initiative will create significant invest ment opportunities. On speculation that Siemens may be interested in Mercury. Herr Gehreis told The Times that the group had no intention of bidding for the company.

However, Siemens may build further factories in the UK. Herr Gehrels said: There may be an opportunity to build a UK factory to manufacture engine management systems for Rover." He said a decision on a site will be made this year.

Persimmon aims to buy Trafalgar's **Ideal Homes**

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

PERSIMMON is in talks with debt-laden Trafalgar House about buying its Ideal Homes subsidiary and expects to announce a deal by the end of this month.

However, Beazer Homes said it was "surprised and disappointed" at this news. It said it had also made an offer which had been ignored.

"It should at least be talking rather than doing an exclusive deal," a spokesman added. Beazer said it remains an interested buyer. Trafalgar House and Persimmon will both have to put their proposed deal to shareholders.

Trafatgar House said it was not at liberty to consider other offers at this point and added that it had been aware of the terms being proposed by Beazer when the board decided in favour of the Persimmon

SmithKline reorganises healthcare

SMITHKLINE Beecham, the UK drugs group, is to combine its healthcare services units into a single division. The division - Health-

care Services - is to be run

have to make a formal and much better offer if it wanted it to be put to Trafalgar House's shareholders. Trafalgar House, which re-cently unveiled E321 million losses, is expected to receive a little more than tdeal Homes'

deal, it said that Beazer would

asset value of £150 million from Persimmon, It was Trafalgar House's largest single profit-maker last year, bringing in a E19 million operating profit.

The shipping, engineering and construction group wants to wipe out its E229 million debts, and is also trying - so far without success - to sell its US housebuilding operations, valued at about £90 million. Hambros, Persimmon's merchant bank, said yester-day agreement with Trafalgar House on price and terms

of January. Persimmon has exclusive rights on Ideal Homes while it carries out the usual pre-purchase investiga-tions. Trafalgar House may be able to put the deal before its shareholders at its annual meeting on February 22. Persimmon would finance the purchase with a combina-

should be reached by the end

tion of debt and equity, raised through a rights issue. Persimmon shares fell after yesterday's announcement of talks, dipping 11p to 198p in dilution. Analysts said the deal was potentially good for Persimmon. Caspar Trenchard, of Smith New Court, the broker, said: "At £160 million. done with around two-thirds debt and one-third equity, it would be attractive." Persimmon, which last September announced first-half pre-tax profits of £10.1 million, down 10 per cent from the previous year, said tdeal Homes would be "an excellent commercial fit". Pennington. page 23 very difficult trading period



Lord Harris, left, Ian Sneyd, centre, finance director, and John Kitching, sales director **Carpetright profits up 26%**

UB takes price cut in US disposal By MARTIN BARROW

UNITED BISCUITS, the British maker of savoury snacks and biscuits, has been forced to accept a reduced price for its American frozen food interests. The company disclosed yes-

terday that it has completed the sale of the frozen foods business of Keebler to Windsor Foods for just \$70 million in cash. This represents an 18 per cent discount to the agreed price of \$86 million when the sale was first announced last November.

John Warren, finance director of United Biscuits, said that the sale proceeds "remain satisfactory in the light of recent trading trends, the alternative sale options for the business and UB's decision to withdraw from its US operations as a whole"

Shares in United Biscuits Snares in United Biscuits fell 4p. to 266p, yesterday. Completion of the much larger disposal of Keebler's US cookie and cracker busi-ness, raising \$500 million, appears to be taking longer than expected. The company now expects to complete the sale to Inflo Holdings later this month, when remaining contractual conditions have been satisfied, against original expectations of a sale by the end of last month. Inflo is a joint venture between America's Flowers Industries and

Artal Luxembourg. In addition, discussions with a number of interested parties relating to the sale of elements of the Salty Snacks business of Keebler, which also got under way in November, are continuing. The sale is expected to raise a further \$86

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A DUSINESS ROUNDUP **McDonnell shares** rise on Geac stake

SHARES in McDonnell Information Systems Group, the beleaguered computer services company, received an beleaguered computer services company, received an unexpected boost yesterday when it emerged that Geac Computer Corporation, of America, has acquired a 3.79 per cent interest. The shares, which have fallen sharpty after successive gloomy trading statements, rose by 9p, to 59p, with more than one million shares traded. Geac holds 3.79 million shares, worth £2.2 million at yesterday's closing price.

Geac, which some years ago acquired the Canadian business of McDonnell Douglas, made an unsuccessful offer for MDIS's loss-making library division, which has since been sold. MDIS said that there had been no talks between the two companies in respect of Geac's shareholding. MDIS shares were floated on the London stock market in 1994, at 260p each.

Denmans lifts payout

DENMANS ELECTRICAL, the distributor of electrical products, reported record profits and a three-for-one bonus share issue as it prepared to move up from the Unlisted Securities Market to a full listing. In the year to September 30, profits rose to £3.02 million before tax, from £2.8 million, on sales of £50.6 million (£46.7 million). Earnings were 44.7Sp a share (4tp). The majority of the Denman family's interests will be transferred to a newly established private company that will own 57.5 per cent of the equity. The total dividend is up 50 per cent to 10.2p a share, with a final 8p due on February 23.

Shandwick refinanced

SHANDWICK, the public relations company, has refinanced 50 per cent of its borrowings to complete its long-term funding arrangements. It has placed \$40 million of unsecured loan notes with US institutions at a fixed rate of 7.76 per cent for eight years, taking advantage of low US interest rates. At the same time, Lloyds, Midland and Fuji are to provide facilities of a further £27 million in a mix of currencies. The unsecured arrangements replace £50 million secured facilities provided by Lloyds, Midland, Barclays, National Westminster and Fujl. The capital restructuring began in 1994 with a rights issue.

Coral Products rises

CORAL PRODUCTS, the manufacturer of plastic moulded products that obtained a stock market listing last year, has declared a maiden interim dividend of 0.75p a share. In the half year to October 31, the company increased pre-tax profits to E773,000, from £579,000, giving earnings of 3.38p a share, up from 3.25p. The shares rose 3p to 68p yesterday, against a Rotation price of 60p last April. Turnover Increased to E4.66 million, from E2.66 million. Sir David Rowe-Ham, the chairman of Coral, said that sales continued to rise in the UK. and on the Continent.



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rently chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Michigan Medical Centre. Jan Leschly, chief executive of Smithkline Bee-cham, said: "Competition in the healthcare industry is fiercer than ever, and controlling healthcare costs is a major challenge." He said the move would help the group in meeting customer requirements and building a stronger founda-tion for global expansion.

CARPETRIGHT, the carpet retailer, saw its shares jump 15p to a high of 439p after Lord Harris of Peckham, the group's newly ennobled chairman and chief executive. unveiled a better than expected rise in interim profits. Pre-tax profits rose 26 per cent to £10.1 million, in the 26 weeks to October 28 on sales

ahead 30 per cent, to £33.9 million. Lord Harris said: Turnover increased during a

BY SARAH BAGNALL affected by a weak carpet

market and the exceptionally long hot summer." He said second-half trading was above expectations and that he was confident about future profitability. Carpetright, which was

floated on the stock market at 148p a share in 1993, has opened 40 stores since the start of the year, lifting the total to 22t. Lord Harris said the launch of Premier Carpets, the new concession format,

Keebler businesses and UB's had been successful and that exit from America were he hoped to open a further 15 by April 30, making 35. "We appounced in July, when shareholders were warned of are currently aiming to build a chain of 120 outlets," he said. a sharp fall in first-profits and a cut in the interim dividend. The group plans to build Carpet Depot, its new Morgan Stanley, the merchant bank, was retained to superstore format, into a 20evaluate options for partnerships or disposals of compostrong chain within a year. The group's eash reserve stood at £24.1 million. The interim dividend, due on Febnents of the business.

UB is due to report year-end results in March, when the ruary 23. rises 41 per cent, to final dividend, maintained at 5.5p. payable out of earnings 9.5p a share last time, is of 8.7p a share, up 28 per cent. expected to be cut.

Apta holds dividend

APTA HEALTHCARE, the nursing homes operator, is holding the interim dividend at 0.4p a share. In the hall year to October 31, pre-tax profits rose to £817,000, from £121,000. with turnover increasing to £5.74 million, from £1.04 million. Earnings were 0.7p (0.4p) a share. Apta has 836 beds in operation after the refurbishment of Tennyson House in Nottingham, which is due to reopen at the end of this month. It also announced yesterday the acquisition of a speciality rehabilitation unit in Nottingham for E466,000 and the sale and keaseback of a nursing home in Lincoln for £1.3 million.

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Sales of new cars in EU advance

THE number of new cars put on to European Union roads last year was 0.5 per cent higher than in 1994, the Association of European Car Manulacturers reported vesterday. Total new car registrations in the 15 EU countries amounted to it 64 million. The figure for December was 7.7 per cent fewer than the figure for December 1994.

New car registrations rose 3.6 per cent in Germany, 2 per cent in Italy and 1.8 per cent in Britain. There was a decline of 2.1 per cent in France, where the figures for December alone showed a decline of 18.6 per cent.

Sales by PSA, the French maker, fell 5.8 per cent by Renault. 5.4 per cent: by Menades. 3.4 per cent: by BMW, 2 per cent. and by Ford, 0.5 per cent. Sales of cars made by Japanese companies fell 1.6 per cent, although Mitsubishi raised sales 75 per cent. South Korean firms increased sales by 68.3 per cent to take 1.5 per cent of the market.

in the UK.

Smiths Bitter, Cadhury Dairy Milk and UK Gold, while

Stena Sealink and the Post

Office Counters business left.

In the US, gains such as

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY GOLD fever swept Australia in an already lively goldmining industry. One said: "There is already a huge amount of activity in the vesterday, with investors scramhting for gold stocks as the metal's price broke through the critical US\$400 tevel. Australian gold industry at A surge in demand for the moment in terms of exploration and mines coming on-stream, and this will encourage it even more. In the shares in producers pushed the Australian gold index up 5 per cent to 2131, pulling an other-wise stuggish stock market up 10.5 points to 2248.7. Gold reached U\$\$401.75 in London last week of December alone, four mines were started."

Rush for gold

in Australia

Among the biggest gainers, Plutonic added 57 cents to A\$7.45, an 8.3 per cent rise, Great Central Mines added 26 cents to A\$3.10, up 9.2 per cent. and Placer gained 20 cents to A\$3.16 cents, up 6.8 per cent.

stuff. It just went crazy from lunchtime onwards. The \$400 Mr Goode said the buying tevel is a very important psych-ological level and is suddenly came from local investors and overseas. Another analyst said: "One can point to the causing people to think, 'Wow. here we go'. People are talking about chart breakouts, they're fundamentals to explain the rise in the gold price, for examole the move to gold for safety having a field day. We've seen some really spectacular moves m the face of the weakness in the Dow Jones, but in reality it was the magical 400 number

Enjoy a free day at a health club

AN INTRODUCTION to a health club is an ideal way to start a fitter lifestyle. And today The Times invites readers to spend a free day at one of the 73 health clubs throughout the UK who are participating in this offer (a full list was published on Monday and yesterday).

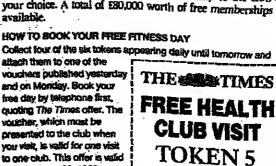
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As our guest you will be given a free fitness assessment, free use of most facilities at the club, such as its swimming pool, sauna, steam room, aerobics classes or gym.

By taking up our offer of a free day at a participating health club, you will automatically be entered into a prize draw to receive a free one-year membership to the club of your choice. A total of E80,000 worth of free memberships is available.

vouchers published yesterday and on Monday. Book your free day by telephone first, quoting The Times offer. The voucher, which must be presented to the club when you visit, is valid for one visit to one club. This offer is valid until February 29, 1936.

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petitive and demanding envi-CompuServe followed the de-The company, which has been installing new management in Europe and reducing increased sales 8.5 per cent, to £156 million, and raised pre-

tax profits for the half year to October 31 by 9.6 per cent, to £2.9 million. Michael Greenlees, chair-

man, said: "The marketplace for advertising and marketing services is an extremely com-

Winners keep GGT ahead

ronment and we have coatinued to take steps to ensure that we are equipped to beat the best in our business."

GGT scaled down its operation in Atlanta but it has strengthened its presence in Paris by merging a new agency with its present one. The enlarged French division

made a small loss. The interim dividend, payable on April 10, rises by Sper cent, to 2 lp.

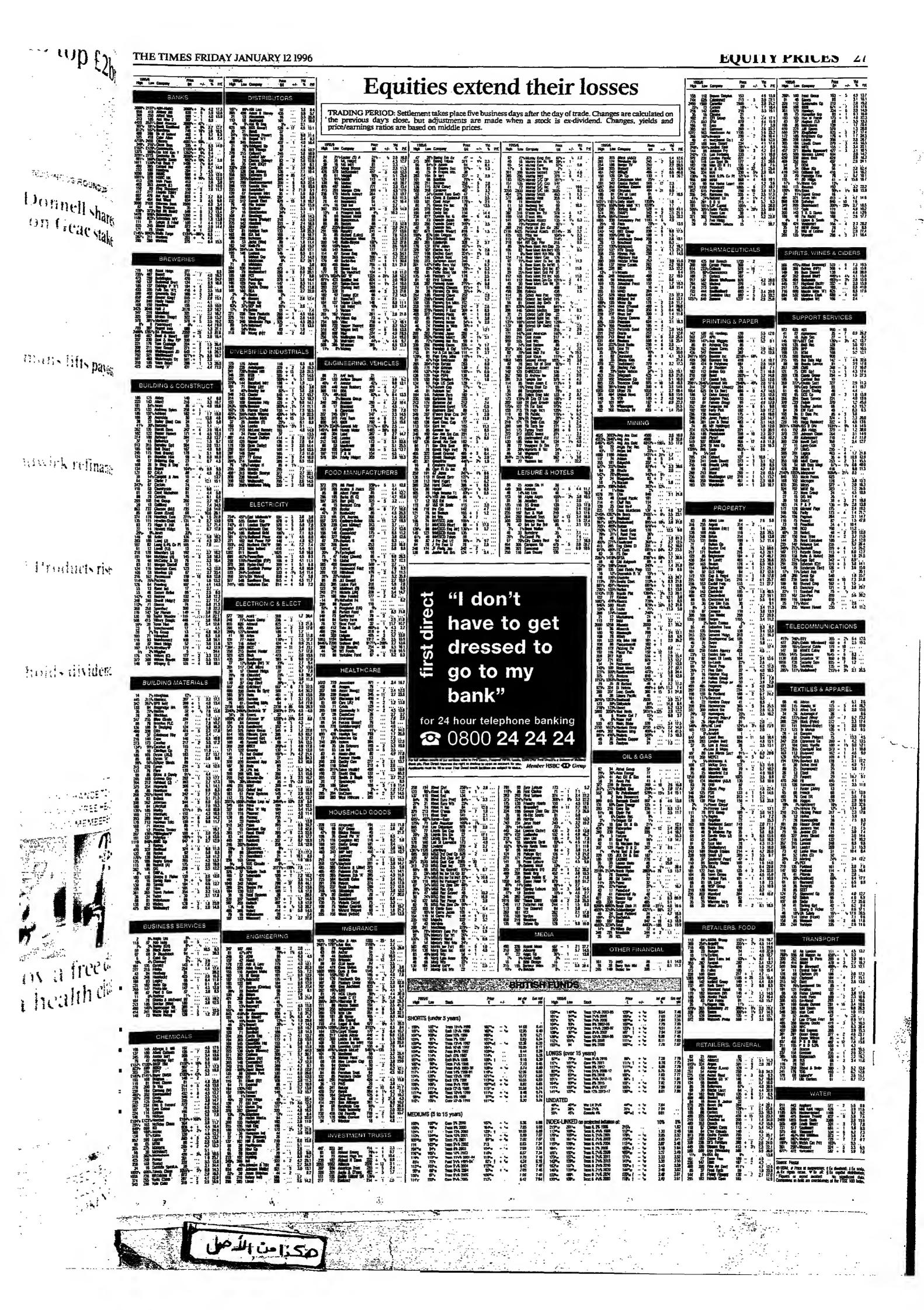
today, some serious rises." Analysts said the price surge would lead to still more activity that pushed it up."

in the previous session, before closing at US\$398.75. Yester-

day, it closed at US\$399.25. Keith Goode, a gold analyst with Bell Securities in Sydney.

said: "It was feeding frenzy

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY ACCOUNT wins from CompuServe. Mastercard and a parture of Dollar Rent-a-Car. chocolate selection helped to cushion GGT Group, the advertising and marketing group. from patchy spending some business in the US. and a generally slow recovery The group's gains in Brit-ain included Turtlewax, John



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s Bernard Shaw discovered. "a higher education is useful in that it enables you to despise the wealth it prevents you from attaining". Even so, there is wide agreement embracing all flavours of political conviction - that maintaining the expansion of higher education which has taken place over the past two decades is vital for the future prosperity of Britain.

The problem is cost. The public provision which seemed affordable when fewer than 10 per cent of the age group participated in higher education plainly is not at the 30 per cent level we have now reached. Until 1990, when student loans were introduced, both tuition fees and maintenance grants - for fulltime students — were a charge on the Exchequer. Since the benefits of receiving a higher education flow both to society and to the individual, it seems reasonable that the costs also should be shared - that the individual graduate should make some contribution.

There has been much debate as to whether the student's contribution should be towards maintenance or towards tuition costs. It has been argued that if the latter were adopted, the universities would win a greater measure of independence from government.

I believe that hope to be illusory. As long as government bears the major costs of a higher education institution, it will be able to call the tune. If government gets it wrong and the relentless squeeze on university finance is an all-too-clear example -- there is no short cut to persuasion by political process. Universities can obtain a measure of independence only to the extent that they can earn income from non-governmental sources.

The loans which are administered by the Student Loans Company have been increased as the mandatory grant for students has been reduced. By next year, the loans will amount to half the provision. The scale of the operation is massive - loans in the current academic year will amount to £800 million.

The machinery has worked well - with one much publicised exception, when last year a scheme. designed to streamline loans for students who were already in

excellent and happily, in the current year, all has again worked smoothly. Nor is there any serious problem with collecting loan repay-ments. Presently, 93.5 per cent of repayments due have been collect-ed. The prediction for the longer run is that this figure will rise to 97

It has been suggested that a better way of collecting repayments might be via National Insurance or taxation. A scheme based on this option is being successfully run in Australia, However, detailed studies have shown that the differences some years before the repayments approach the rate of lending. So far, with the scheme in its sixth year, the annual repayments amount to only about 6 per cent of the loans. If nothing Is changed it will take until 2002 — beyond the next -election but one — before the repayments in any year amount to

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LOANS: THE REAL COSTS Borrowers due to repay at 31 March 1995

income of less than £15,200. The most onerous repayment rate, which could apply to any participant in the scheme, works out at 4 per cent of gross pay - the average being much less. It is difficult to believe that anyone could possibly regard them as a serious obstacle to embarking on higher education.

et all is not well with the loan scheme. The biggest problem is that it is slow to provide relief for the taxpayer. It is inevitable that in any scheme of this kind it will take

year. A second problem stems from the fixed repayment period. If students were in future to be asked to carry a greater portion of the maintenance costs - a develop-ment not inconceivable, irrespective of the outcome of the next election - the repayments might

begin to deter. Both problems stem from the concept of zero real interest rate. Zero interest is another word for money. It means that a part of the transaction is really a grant rather than a loan. It is a blurring of meaning which is detensible during the period of study; it has nothing going for it during the period of repayment. A commercial rate of Interest would remove the need for rapid repayment of loans. which could be on an incomerelated formula, and it would provide relief for the taxpayer. Even faster relief could be won if

all of the loans to private financial institutions. A recent attempt by the Government to do that had to be postponed for lack of fervour on the part of the banks.

The scheme would have involved up to four financial institutions. the Student Loans Company and a sixth player - the holder of a database to co-ordinate the transactions. The complexity of this scheme may have militated against early implementation.

A simpler approach which adapts rather than seeks to replace the present system might yet prove persuasive to financial institutions and to a future government. Arithmetic gives the same answers irrespective of who asks the questions. • Sir Eric Ash was acting chief executive of the Student Loans Company throughout 1995. The above represents his personal views.

At the very heart of Europe

David Tytler on a school where

pupils see themselves as Europeans

company of Euro-sceptics, but a new order has arrived. And it seems to work.

The 3,500 pupils aged from four to 18, and taught by 400 staff from every country of the European Union, generally get on well together in the European School in Brussels. They get good results in the European Baccalaureate with most going on to higher education, often in a country other than their own.

The Brussels school, founded in 1958, is one of nine in eight countries, including Britain, set up by the EU to teach the sons and daughters of its officials. Their education is provided free but at considerable cost: the Brussels school alone costs about E30 million a year, although it does admit a small number of

pupils who pay £1,200 a year. The first European Lessons school was founded in Luxembourg in are taught 1957. All take as their starting point the words of Jean Monnet which are in all nine official EU sealed into the foundations of each school: "Educated languages side by side, untrou-bled from infancy by divisive prejudices, acquainted

with all that is great and good in the different cultures, it will be borne in upon them as they mature that they belong together ... At the heart of each school is

the emphasis on language. Les-sons are taught in all nine official EU languages - Danish, Dutch, English, French, German. Greek, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish. Many lessons are taught in the mother tongue, with irish available for the children of Irish officials. The uniqueness of the school lies in its approach to learning a foreign language.

The study of a first foreign language - English, French or German - is compulsory from six. A second is added at 12, with an optional third language available from 14. The pupils' skill is humbling: a playground conver-sation can switch from language to language without hesitation.

Language classes are taught by a native speaker in mixed

Thisper it quietly in the to what they do in the UK." company of Euro- Once in the secondary school, art, music and sport are all taught in mixed nationalities. From 13, history and geography are taught in the pupils' first foreign language. But as one English parent said, it is often the case of pupils learning to swim or they will sink in a school that is only now beginning to recognise the need for structured pastoral care.

The emphasis is on success, with pupils being kept down a year if they fail the school's annual exams. Mr Marshall says that the system concentrates the mind and that the sanction is rarely imposed twice. He accepts, though, that life can be difficult for pupils entering the secondary classes. not least because of the language skills of

their class He says: "We do give extra time in special classes and parents also know they may have to give extra lessons. But they have confidence in their ability to learn and most learn very quickly. Children know they will be expected to perform. They know they get a good deal and by and

large perform better than the average." Perhaps for the Euro-sceptics

in England, the most controversial aspect of the school is its approach to history, but Mr Marshall makes no apology for teaching the subject to all pupils in a foreign language. He says: The idea is that you become more objective about your own country and outward-looking towards others.

"Pupils no longer learn national history but European history, which they are taught by people who may not share their own views, sitting alongside children whose own views may be challenged and who will challenge the views of others. They will receive a much more complete education than anybody else."

This objectivity is vital for Mr Marshall, who fears that many in Britain are being brought up in an anti-Europe atmosphere unable to make rational judg-ments for themselves. While

receipt of a loan, ran into difficulties. While 93 per cent of the students received their loans in good time, the other 7 per cent suffered serious delays. That 7 per cent amounts to 35,000 students -about 60 literate and justifiably angry people per MP.

It was a very audible error. The record up to that time had been

- if any - in collection costs or default rate are too close to call. The terms on which the loans are given are benign. They are indexed for inflation but the real interest charge is zero. Repayment starts in April in the year after graduation and is completed in five years.

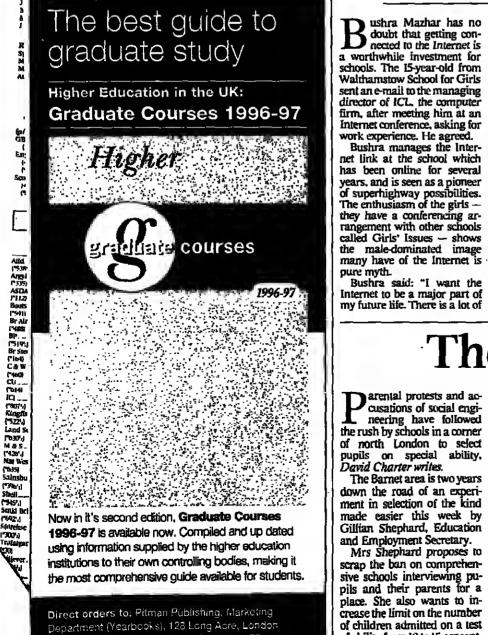
The repayments can be deferred indefinitely if the borrower has an

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nationality groups and a weekly ng that it is not his iod i European hour in the primary school brings together children from all nations in cultural. artistic and sporting activities. It is almost a statement of the obvious when John Marshall, the English head of the school. says: "The language work they do here bears no resemblance

instil values and views. Mr Marshall cannot resist expressing his own hopes: "I would not have missed this opportunity for the world. Having taught here, you really believe that Europe has a future and hope that the pupils' experience will help to spread European values."

Girls at a London school are enjoying the benefits of a superhighway education, reports David Charter



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D ushra Mazhar has no B doubt that getting con-nected to the Internet is a worthwhile investment for schools. The 15-year-old from Walthamstow School for Girls

sent an e-mail to the managing director of ICL, the computer firm, after meeting him at an Internet conference, asking for

Internet for coursework work experience. He agreed. ranges from images of the Bushra manages the Intergrowth and development of tadpoles to information in net link at the school which French on social trends prohas been online for several vided by a Canadian source. years, and is seen as a pioneer of superhighway possibilities. The enthusiasm of the girls --Providers of the Internet to schools ensure undesirable they have a conferencing armaterial is blocked. Jean Johnson, head of IT at rangement with other schools called Girls' Issues - shows the school, says the girls clamour to use the single computer linked to the the male-dominated image many have of the Internet is

Internet, and they communi-cate regularly with schools in Sweden and Finland. She says: "It is a fantastic Bushra said: "I want the Internet to be a major part of my future life. There is a lot of

sexism about computers gen-erally but anyone can use it if they have the skills. The usefulness of the

medium. They just become incredibly confident not just in the use of computers but in NCET. says: "It depends day-to-day life and their contacts with other people. It has brought the whole world of telecommunications to a level which the girls can deal with and they are having quite adult debates." However, the National

Council for Educational Technology (NCET) advises schools to avoid a commitment to the internet if there is no staff member with a burning interest in the technology. It says that more than 2.000 schools and colleges have a connection, mostly through the main two providers. BT

where the school is in its development plan and whether it has the interest of staff to take the initial thrust. There is no point in forcing it on them. "We suggest getting some-one in the school to have a

watching brief, possibly by giving them a machine at home, so the enthusiasm becomes grassroots."

He added: "Despite all the hype for the Internet it is actually quite slow and does not really have much dedicated material on it for schools. It is for the tolerant and confident user at the moment."

Switched on and learning Robin Squire, the Schools Minister, this week set up a project to look into the benefits of the Internet, which will run alongside its broader investigation into superhighways. including video-conferencing. The Government's belief in the future role of the Internet was shown by another announcement by Mr Squire that the Education Department was funding a "virtual languages" centre, bringing

together material from Europe, Canada and Japan. However, schools thinking of setting up their own link are advised to consider the financial implications, even of a single modern link, which has

Mr Lloyd added: "If we did

others take your most able

Barnet council, fearing the

forced Walthamstow to limit the time girls can spend on the computer. Even although it is moving to a local telephone link, the cost of several-hourlong local calls soon adds up. The Labour Party has pledged that every school will have access to the Internet, which may encourage some wary schools to wait before committing themselves to the information technology revo-

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lution. One thing is certain from Walthamstow's experience — the Internet brings all sorts of benefits and changes to the classroom. Mrs Johnson says: "I think it is more than acceptable for a girl to sit down and teach a teacher how to do it and it is extremely good for their self-esteem. There will always be students who are better than staff."

The sour aftertaste of cherry-picking

How selection of pupils at 11 can have a domino effect on other schools

the rush by schools in a corner teachers and governors were of north London to select anxious not to be left behind, pupils on special ability, David Charter writes. fearing that those which resisted would end up as sink The Barnet area is two years schools for the pupils nobody

else wanted. Queen Elizabeth's Boys' School went fully selective last September, to match the single-sex grammar education offered to girls at The Henrietta Barnett School. Other schools have followed, using the freedom of grant-maintained status, despite an outcry from parents.

of children admitted on a test of ability from 10 to 15 per cent. nearby Potters Bar now selects Pupils in Barnet already nearly half its pupils through face a battery of tests for the testing, with a further 10 per cent on musical or sporting most popular schools because ability. Hendon School, which one school after another has moved towards greater selec-tivity. Change in admissions takes 10 per cent of pupils onmusical ability, won governpolicy has been swift. Head ment approval in November



Kenzie Barker, a music student at Hendon School

Bob Lloyd, Hendon School head teacher, said: "We decided the only way to maintain a comprehensive intake was to introduce a means of testing place at the weekend for 450 all the pupils and to admit them in proportion to a norchildren competing for 200 mal distribution of ability."

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the nine local authority comprehensives.

Anne Jarvis, Barnet's chairwoman of education, said: "Effective planning has been He said the actions of neighbouring schools left Hendon sabotaged and you end up with schools which already with no choice. Mill Hill County High School, which is have a lower proportion of able pupils being put on a downward slide." grant-maintained, takes 10 per cent on musical ability and has applied to take 30 per cent

Jenny Brown, a member of a parents' protest group, said: Parents are increasingly worried their child might not be what the school wants."

She added: "Because of these moves by Mill Hill County High. other schools in the borough have panicked and we are now facing a domino effect."

brightest pupils are being siphoned off, has formed a Martin Dannell, chairman working party of head teachof governors at Mill Hill, said: ers. including some from We are doing this to remain grant-maintained schools, to comprehensive. There is no see if it can somehow change doubt the top end of our intake admissions policies to retain a has been affected by other full academic and social mix at schools selecting."

places.

Dame Alice Owen School in to test all applicants and give a quarter of its places to bright pupils, half to those of middle ability and a quarter to low ability. The first tests take

Court of Appeal

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Court of Appeal

Insurable interest in property

t the very T of Europ Glengate-KG Properties Ltd v Norwich Union Fire Insur-ance Society Ltd and Others Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Auld and Sir Jain Glidewell Judgment December 21

The phrase "the interest of the instred in the property" in a material damage proviso in a consequential loss insurance policy did not cover an insurable interest which was not a personal property interest of the inst The Court of Appeal so held by a majority (Sir Jain Glidewell dissenong), when, inter alia, dismissing an appeal by the first defendants, the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society Ltd, from the decision of Mr Justice Phillips made on July 7, 1994 and revised on February 2, 1995.

The action had been brought by the plaintiffs, Glengate-KG Prop-erties Ltd. against Norwich Union, the second defendants, Scottish Union and National Insurance Co, who had been dismissed by the judge from the action, and the third defendants, Lowndes Lambert UK Lid, who were the

In March 1985 the plaintiffs purchased the former Bourne & Hollingsworth department store building in Oxford Street, London, for redevelopment into a complex of offices and retail outlets to be known as the Plaza.

The plainoffs took out a consequential loss insurance pol-icy with the first defendants which stipulated that if "any building or other property or any part thereof used by the insured at the premises described in the Schedule herein for the purpose of the business suffers damage other than by an excluded cause [it would] pay to the insured the amount of loss resulting from interruption of or inter-ference with the business carried on by the insured at the premises itt consequence of the damage..." In the appendix to the policy the item insured was defined as being the anticipated rent which was stated to be £10,950,000. The maximum indemnity period was stated to be 36 months.

The insurance effected by the consequential loss policy was, however, subject to the proviso that "at the time of the happening of the damage there shall be in force ... an insurance covering the interest of the insured in the property at the premises against such damage..." The plaintiffs wished the development to proceed with as little

delay as possible. It was therefore agreed that a temporary office

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should be established on the first floor of the redevelopment which could be used as a team base by the architects, Archer, Boxer and Part-ners, as well as by the other professional advisers who were involved.

In September 1985 a serious fire broke out at the site and the vast majority of the drawings in the architects' office at the team base were destroyed, as was much of the destruction of the architects' drawings led to inevitable delay which the plaintiff asserted re-sulted in a substantial loss of restal loss of rental income. Following the fire it came to light

that although the architects had insured their drawing boards and other equipment, the work in progress had not been insured allegedly due to an oversight by the broker instructed by the architects. The plaintiffs then made a claim inst the first defendants under the consequential loss policy. The claim was disputed and the plaintiffs brought proceedings. Mr Roger Ter Haar, QC and Mr

James Holdsworth for the first defendants: Mr Charles Falconer. QC and Mr Andrew Moran for the plaintiffs: Mr Jeremy Cooke, QC and Mr Dominic Kendrick for the third defendants.

LORD JUSTICE NELLL said that the most difficult question in the case was whether the plaintiffs had "an interest" in the architects' drawings within the meaning of the proviso in the consequential loss policy. The judge had held that they did not.

It was argued in support of the appeal that in the context the word interest" in the proviso meant an insurable interest and that the plaintiffs clearly had an insurable interest in the architects' drawings. His Lordship had come to the conclusion that the judge was right. In the course of the hearing the court had been referred to a number of cases which demonstrated that a person might have an "insurable interest" in property even though he was not the owner. Persons having such an insurable interest included persons having a

contractual licence to use property and pledgees, But those cases and others clearly showed that the word "interest" in the context of insurance could have more than one meaning. I) could mean any "insurable interest" in the wide ense used by Mr Justice Lawrence in Lucena v Craufurd ((1806) 2 B & P 269, 302).

But it could also mean an insurable interest of a more limited

kind. It depended on the context. In the present case the judge came to the conclusion that as the archi-tects' drawings were not property in which the plaintiffs had a personal interest the proviso did

not apply. Mr Anthony Colman, QC, was correct when in his judgment in The Moonacre [[1992] 2 Lloyd's Rep 501] he said that Anderson v Morice [[1875] LR 10 CP 609; [1876] 1 an Con 71B a calls of grands case 1 App Cas 713), a sale of goods case, fell into that category of case in which the assured's relation to the pods was not such as to confer on him a sufficient certainty of benefit from their preservation or to impose upon him any certain exposure to the risk of liability in respect of their loss.

But the position would be dif-ferent if at the time of the loss the insured already had rights in respect of the insured goods which might be affected if the goods were lost or damaged. In the event of such loss or damage he might lose the profits from a forward sale for ich a contract had already been He could insure against that loss of profits if he had rights in

existence at the time of the loss of the goods, and it could be said that he had an insurable interest in the goods in the wider sense explained Mr Justice Lawrence in Lucena. But in his Lordship's view, the right to insure against the loss of profits did not mean that the buyer had an "interest in the property" in

the sense contemplated by the material damage proviso. His Lordship had come to the dusion that in the context the reference to "interest" in the proviso was a reference to an interest

in the narrower sense. The plain-tilfs had no such interest in the architects' drawings, even though they might have a licence to use the designs and might one day have acquired the property in the drawings. At the time of the fire the

drawings were the property of the architects and in his Lordship's judgment it was the architects responsibility to replace them if destroyed. The plaintiffs were under no obligation to insure the architects' drawings themselves. SIR JAIN GLIDEWELL. dissenting, said that it was a fundamental principle of in-

surance law that a person who had no personal property interest might nevertheless have an insurable interest in property. Indeed he must have such an interest to be entitled to insure the property. The definition given by Mr Justice Lawrence in Luceno included but was wider than a personal prop-

erty interest. The issue for the court's decision was whether "the interest of the insured in the property" within the proviso included an interest which was not a personal property in-terest. In disagreement with Lord Justice Neill, his Lordship could see no reason why it should not. The phrase in its context in a policy of insurance covered what-ever interest the insured had, including an insurable interest which was not a personal interest. His Lordship did not find that the authorities cited to the court on that issue led to a contrary conchsion, or indeed were of much assistance.

The plaintiffs clearly had an interest in the architects' drawings. They therefore had an insurable interest in the drawings and could themselves have insured the drawings. Alternatively, they could have

required the architects themselves to take our such insurance, which would have satisfied the proviso. In the absence of any such in-surance, however, it was his Lordship's judgment that the pro-viso applied and was not satisfied. Lord Justice Auld delivered a judgment concurring with Lord Justice Neill.

Solicitors: Greenwoods; Berwin Cameron Markby Leighton: Hewitt

Pay now sue later clause is valid

Marchant and Eliot Undera name's obligation to make funds available to his managing agent so as to enable valid claims to be met writing Ltd v Higgins

The "pay now, sue later" clause in on policies that he had underthe standard agency agreement written. That did not involve the between a Lloyd's name and his carrying out of an unlawful agreemanaging agents was valid and did not breach article 85 of the ment or the implementation of an unlawful arrangement. The Treaty of Rome. obligation to pay debts was as old

The Court of Appeal (Lord as commerce. Justice Leggan, Lord Justice Rose and Lord Justice Roch) so held in a The court did not see how competition between agents could reserved judgment on December 21 dismissing the appeal of Dr Andrew Higgins against the deaffect trade between EU member states, Managing agents at Lloyd's were in competition with each cision of Mr Justice Rix on October other but not, in relation to those 24, 1995, giving summary judg-ment for the plaintiffs, Marchant they represented, with agents outside Lloyd's. and Eliot Linderwriting Ltd, in the Without some form of pay now sum of £6,000 with costs for their claim in respect of cash calls on the sue later obligation, Lloyd's could not function. If the defendant were defendant in respect of the 1990 to succeed it would destroy the and 1991 accounts. ability of Lloyd's to provide in-

surance and would destroy Lloyd's itself. LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT said that the action was to enforce

In re B (a Minor) (Supervi-sion order: Parental uodenaking)

Before Lond Justice Neill and Mr Justice Bennett Judgment December 21

County courts had no jurisdiction to accept undertakings from the parent of a child who was the subject of an application for a supervision order made under section 3t of the Children Act 1989. The Court of Appeal so stated dismissing an appeal by the guard-ian ad intern and a local authority from the decision of Judge Gold-stone sitting in Watford County Court on May 18, 1995 whereby he made a supervision order in respect of a child on certain undertakings given by the mother. The local authority had applied for a care order in respect of the child pursuant to section 31 of the 1989 Act with a care plan which

proposed the removal of the child from the care of his mother for ment with short term foster plac parents and subsequent placement with fong term foster parents with or without the possibility of adoption.

The judge was sadsfied that the child was likely to suffer signifi-cant harm if no order were made under section 31 but decided that he should make a supervision order rather than a care order. He ordered the local authority to

supervise the child for 12 months and directed that certain con-ditions be attached to the order.

The supervision order also con-tained the undertaking of the mother (i) to take the child to his school on time and to notify the school of any illness, (ii) to seek such treatment as might be recommended to her by the psychiatrist or medical unit at her local general hospital or such other hospital as might be recommended by her general practitioner. and (iii) to authorise the doctor to provide the local authority with details of her treatment and recommended treatment of one senior social worker.

the guardian ad litem and the local authority; Mr William Holland for the mother.

undertakings as part of a super-vision order. Part 1 of Schedule 3 that it was submitted by Miss Gumbel that the judge had no made no provision for undertak-ings. As Lord Justice Waite had explained in In re V (a Minort power to make a supervision order in the terms of the order of May 18, 1995 and that in any event the sanction for an infringement of the terms of a supervision order was judge was wrong to make a that it enabled the supervisor to return to the court.

His Lordship was therefore sat-isfied that Miss Gumbel was right. mission on the jurisdiction point was that the judge had no power either to require or to accept an undertaking profiered on behall of

undertaking was a promise to the court which was capable of being tive in that respect. Miss Gumbel had other critt-cisms of the form of the superenforced by the court by way o encreatings for contempt if the undertaking was broken. The punishment for contempt might include a sentence of imprisonvision order. She pointed out, quite rightly, that a requirement to submit to any medical or psychiatric examination as directed by ment or a fine. the supervisor could only be made

in accordance with paragraph 4 of Schedule 3 and could not be made from doing any act and the consequences of breach were the ship was satisfied that the supersame as those for breach of an undertaking.

Fam 134, 139) Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, had consid-ered the relationship between an injunction and an undertaking and in Koberts v Roberts (1990 FCR 837, 839) Lord Justice Butler-Sloss had said that it was im portant for parties in matrimonial disputes to appreciate that an undertaking had all the force of an injunction

His Lordship had come to the conclusion, however, that on a fair reading of the judge's judgment he had ruled out of consideration, as enforcement provisions for an undertaking were the same as plainly not being in the child's interest, his removal from the those for an injunction: see Order 29, rule i and rule IA of the County Court Rules Moreover, the genera mother. It was quite clear that the form of undertaking set out in Form N117 contained a warning judge thought and indeed found that it would be wholly contrary to

Court cannot accept undertaking the child's best interest for the care that a consequence of a breach of an undertaking might be imprisonment for contempt. plan to be implemented.

court/ ([1995] 2 FLR 456).

it fullowed therefore that, as a

county court had no inherent jurisdiction to grant injunctions, it

could have no inherent jurisdiction

to accept undertakings in care proceedings.

Nor could a county court accept

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The judge was not entitled to

under paragraph 2.

In those circumstances his Lord-

The scales had not just opped in lavour of a supervision order but ft was therefore clear that for the purposes of enforcement an under-taking stood on an equal footing had come down completely against a care order. It was to be noted that the judge found that the risk of with an injunction, 11 was also to damage to the child under a care order far ourweighed the risks that be remembered that a county court had no inherent jurisdiction to grant an injuction to protect child-ren: see D v D (Child case: Powers would be taken by making a supervision order. of courti ([1994] 3 FCR 28) and In re S and D (Children: Powers of

His Londship was accordingly satisfied that, had the judge had pointed out to him, which it was not, that he was not empowered to accept undertakings, nevertheless he would have made a supervision order albeit taking into account the mother's agreement to undergo nedical treatment.

His Lordship therefore turned to Miss Gumbel's other main submission, namely, that in any event the judge was plainly wrong because his findings were wholly against the weight of the evidence. His Lordship had come to the conclusion that the judge was enuitled to find that the mother's rather fragile stability had been upset by the the legal proceedings and that she had been subjected to major spress.

The supervision order would have to be looked at again in a few months time. His Lordship did not find it possible to say, however, that the making of the supervision order was plainly wrong, nor was the case one where the coun should interfere with the judge's decision on any other ground Nevertheless the supervision order must be amended.

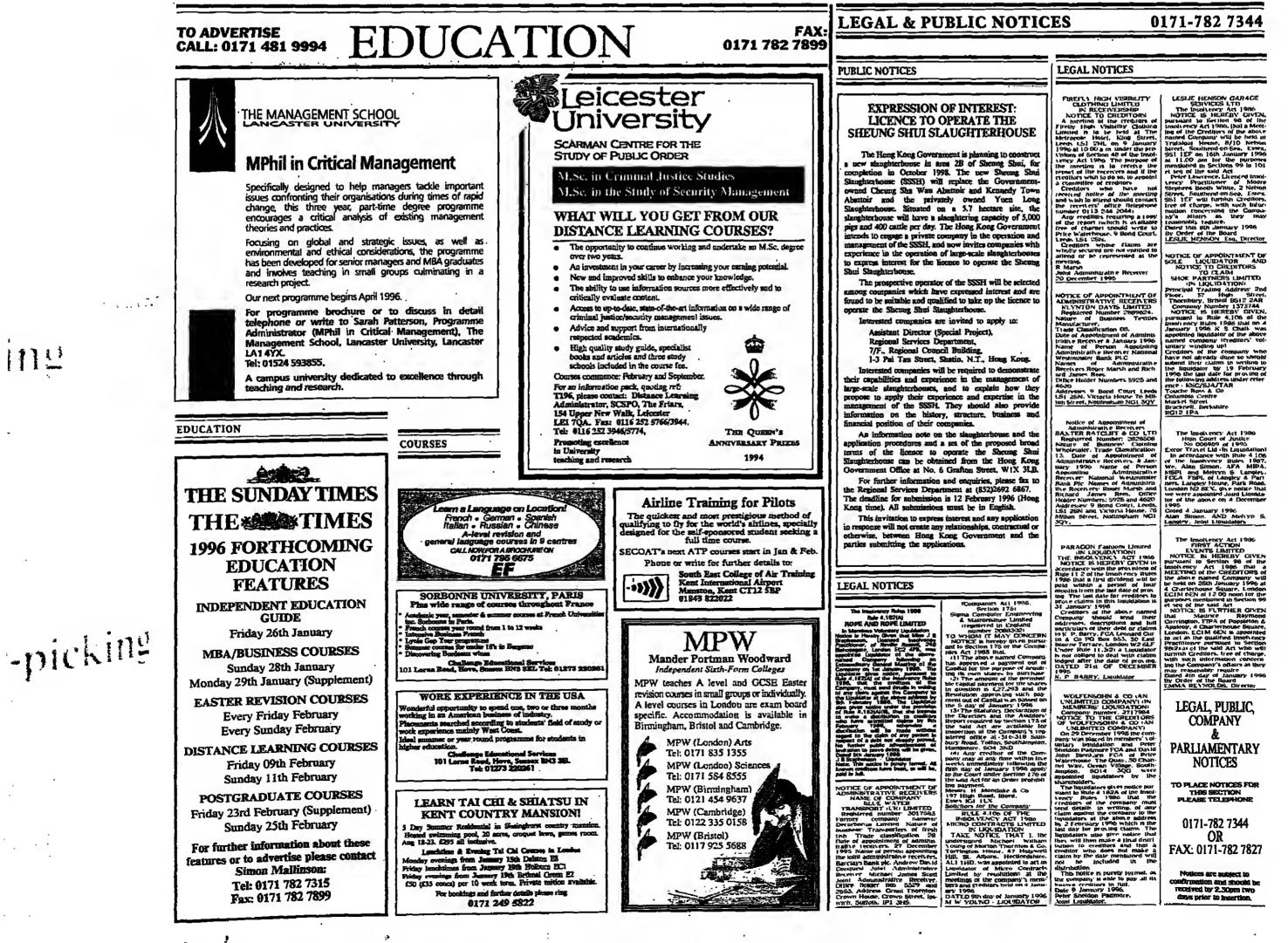
It seemed to his Lordship that at resent n would be right that the mother's agreement to seek medical treatment should be recorded in a preamble in the supervision order so that if the mother failed to honour her agreement that failun could be brought to the attention of the court in due course. It would also be appropriate to record her further agreement to authorise her psychiatrist to provide the local authority with details of her treat-ment. His Lordship would dismiss the appeal.

Mr Justice Bennett agreed.

Solicitors: Matthew Arnold & Baldwin, Watford: Mr W. J. Church, Hertford; Pollards, Boreham Wood.

Correction

In In re M (a Minor) (Hobitual residence) (The Times January 3) the junior counsel for the mother was Mr Adam Wilson.



Miss Elizabeth Ann Gumbel for

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said

supervision order on the evidence before the court. Miss Gumbel's principal sub-

accept undertakings from the mother, even though she was quite willing to give them. The super-vision order was therefore defecthe mother. In his Lordship's judgment, an

An injunction was an order upon a litigant to do or refrain

vision order could not stand in its In Hussain v Hussain (1986) present form. Accordingly, it was necessary to consider Miss Gumbel's further arguments. She submitted that the undertakings and the conditions were essential parts of the judge's order and that it was impossible to say whether, had the judge realised he could not accept the undertakings, he would have made a supervision order at all.

It was also apparent that the

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DANCE: Nadine Meisner sees the shock of the new lose out to a familiar passion

Loose outfit well suited to every style

E ven in the current British jazz scene, unprecedentedly hospitable as it is to all manner of musical styles, the saxophonist Julian Arguelles is something of a phenomenon.

His openness to the plethora of rhythms and textures found in contemporary pop, dance and world musics marks him out even from fellow alumni of Loose Tubes, the 1980s big band which was a byword for such adventurous musical eclecticism.

The instrumentation of the quartet Arguelles presented to a warmly appreciative Vortex audience on this occasion flagged his intentions from the off. In front of his drummer brother Steve, whose own projects are as likely to touch on calypso nr country and western as on jazz, he had Oren Marshall on tuba and assorted electronics, and Alex Lewis, a man capable of producing a startling variety of keyboard sounds.

Their music began, appropriately enough, with the purest, most elemental of sounds: a wooden flute floating over a growling tuba drone, punctuated by sudden resonating crashes from Steve Arguelles's hand-held gongs. In time, however, a thythm emerged on cymbal and side-drums, and Julian Arguelles switched to skirling tenor to bring the piece, called Owl. slowly to the boil.

A hymn, Gustav Holst's In the Bleak Midwinter, followed, drawing an affecting, keening earnestness from the leader's tenor for the stately theme, and a fullthroated sonorousness from JAZZ Julian Arguelles Quartet

Vortex, N16

him in the succeeding improvisation upon it. Three originals followed, two — the jaunty soprano piece *Hix* and the tenor ballad *First Escapade* taken from Julian

Arguelles's latest album Home Truths. The other, Skull Video, was an extraordinary confection of industrial electronic noise and majestic, swirling tenor all set to a pounding rhythm that owed as much to contemporary jungle music as to jazz.

The quarter's second set was equally imaginative, juxtaposing folkish. John Surman-like soprano meditations; sinister washes of multitextured sound ranging from high-frequency shrieking to deep tuba rumblings, and the odd perky harmonised theme played simultaneously. on two recorders.

The closing piece, State of the state of the

CHRIS PARKER



Ana Soler and Arturo Aguilar, the lovers in a confusing — and dull — tale of Andalusian betrayal, happily make amends when Corazón Flamenco returns to better-known pastures

Sex, please, we're British

he Japanese are apparently crazy about flamenco — and so, S

almost as much, are the British. Companies led by Antonio, by Carmen Amaya and by José Greco came and wowed the British between the 1940s and 1960s. Then followed a lull until, ten years ago, the Cumbre Flanenca troupe, directed by Francisco Sánchez, began its regular visits to this country and ignited enthusiasm again, producing packed-out seasons at Sadler's Wells.

Will Sanchez repeat his success with his new group? Corazón Flamenco — the heart of flamenco — is a wonderful name, since from the heart comes pulse, life and feeling, which are also the essence of flamenco. But where Sánchez's old company aimed simply to offer the pinnacle (cumbre) of flamenco in a straightforward format of dance and song numbers, Corazón Flamenco appears to have more complex ambitions.

have more complex ambitions. What should flamenco be? Cabaret schlock for tourists? A glossy virtuosic display for opera houses? Or should it return to its purer, humbler café days of the 19th century? Sánchez is probably a traditionalist at heart, who prefers to discard commercially prettified costume and the later introduction of castanets. But 1 suspect he also believes that flamenco must evolve in order to stay alive. He surely accepts that it has become sophisticated, technically brilliant theatre. It is no longer the exclusive domain of Andalusian gypsies, having been embraced by ballet-trained youngsters of varied origins such as some of his own

dancers.

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naive banker's wife, em-

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Corazón Flamenco Sadler's Wells

And he probably sees the first half of the programme he has created as treading a littleexplored narrative path although in fact flamenco and stories have been linked before, if you think of Manuel de Falla's *El amor brujo* (1915) and the Antonio Gades-Carlos Saura film *Carmen*, which comes in its stage form to Sadier's Wells in May.

> 6 Should flamenco return to its purer days? ?

Alas, Noche de Santiago, the drama of an illicit love affair during the Andalusian festival of the night of July 25-26 (St James's Night), makes a tedious opener, lacking pace and curiously muted. A programme note declares that any self-respecting director should make the action clear without resort to a synopsis or the help of the accompanying songs which, sung in Andalusian dialect, are reportedly incomprehensible even to Spaniards.

sticattheits points through its imagery and, for me, toppled into ambiguity at the crucial clibeen max, leaving me unsure ained whether it was the husband or lover who shot the woman. own After the interval the ghastly resonant amplification that had insulted the singers' voices seemed to have sorted itself out, and the auditorium temperature warmed palpably as we realised we were back in the reassuring territory of the familiar Cumbre Flamenca approach.

Manuela Carrasco, opulent and statuesque, built paroxysms of footbeats in the desolate laments of a siguiriva: then, clad in sensational white, she absorbed herself in the proud, meditative sorrow of soled, concluding with her arms extended magnificently in a crucifix and exiting in slow-motion, stately profile, like the figurehead of a ship. José Fernández, willowy. mannered and resplendent in a hectically patterned waist-coat, brought his unique style to an *alegrias*, rectilinear arms jerking up as conclusions to passages of footwork. as though throwing away bundles of his inner anguish. And Susi sang cantes de Levante with the soul-piercing grainy Arabic voice that has earned her the sobriquet La Camarona, after the celebratflamenco singer El eď Camerón.

So it became evident that flamenco needs to allow performers to reveal their individual personalities if it is to touch its audience and avoid monotony. The young, elfin Ana Soler and Arturo Aguilar, who had seemed so attenuated as the lovers in Noche de Santiago, seemed this time to click together, invisible emotional threads binding them in their bulerias duet.

The curtain fell, the audience clamoured for more. Is it the very un-Englishness of this intense expression of pain, joy and sexuality that appeals to us?

LONDON THEATRE: Ibsen's moral tale; and a slice of religious history



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Picking up good vibrations

NEW ALBUMS: David Sinclair on a stunning

exploration of the natural and manufactured sounds of music; plus the week's other releases

VARIOUS ARTISTS

VARIOUS ARTISTS Ocean of Sound (Virgin AMBT 10; two discs) LOVINGLY assembled by the author. musician and contributor to The Times. David Toop. Ocean of Sound is an intriguing and free-ranging exploration of the roots and branches of so-called "ambient" music Desimed as a company "ambient" music. Designed as a compan-

Aether Talk, Ambient Sound And Imagi-nary Worlds (published by Serpen's Tail), it is a compilation of tracks that all shed light in one way or another on the often overlooked relationship between the sound of music and the sounds of the environment from whence it came.

The album's range is phenomenal, extending from the frantic squalls of free jazz noise produced (acoustically) by the Peter Brotzmann Octet on their 1968 recording of Machine Gun and the distressed guitar overload of the Velvet Underground (I Heard Her Call My Name) and My Bloody Valentine (Loomer) to the barely detectable background hum of Brian Eno's Lizard Point and the pastoral beauty of Claude Debussy's Prélude à l'Après Midi d'un Foune, played by the English Chamber Orchestra. Along the way we hear "field" recordings of Buddhist chants, howler monkeys, boat horns, train whistles, birdsong and the extraordinary whistling of bearded seals.

The imaginative sequencing and skilful editing together of the tracks to produce a virtually seamless listening experience is impressive. Unlikely connections are forged between, for instance, the 1970s jazz-fusion of Herbie Hancock's Rain Dance and the 1990s ambient-techno sound of Aphex Twin's Analogue Bubblebath I, and there is the most wonderful sequence when the gruff, ululating voice of a Yanomami rainforest shaman melts into the opening piano motif of Harold Budd's delicate Bismillahi Rrahmoni Rrahim. Elsewhere the repetitive minimalism of Erik Satie's composition Vexations cootrasts with the complex vocal dynamics of a short Beach Boys piece called *Fall Breaks* ond Bock Into Winter.

As a vehicle for illustrating Toop's point - that there is a hidden world of music within the sounds that are occurring around us all the time, and that these sounds help to shape and determine our notions of what music actually is -Ocean of Sound functions magnificently. Both timely and scholarly, it is an album that could alter the way in which you perceive music itself.

Yoko Ono has not released a oew solo album for a decade or so. She is now 62, and to judge from Rising it has been 20 years since she last listened to modern popular music with any great interest. But her enthusiasm for confronting demons, both inner and external, remains undiminished and, despite the album's dependence on quaint generic pop-funk riffs and piano ballads, this is a passionate and at times moving account of her nermost fears, hopes and struggles.

Undertaken initially as a soundtrack for Ron Destro's play Hiroshima, many of the numbers were inspired by her harrowing memories of life in Japan during and after the Second World War. Notwithstanding the apocalyptic imagery of Warzone and the extended gargling routine of the 14-minute otle track, the majority of the songs are pithy and poetic. Accompanied by her son Sean Lennon and his fledgeling group IMA, she sings of her growing sense of isolation on Turned the Corner and poses some suitably Big Questions on Where Do We Go From Here. At its best - as when she sings Will I to the sound of a single, looped note set against the ticking of a clock — the album is stark, simple and surprisingly affecting.

BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN AND OTHERS Dead Mon Walking

(Columbia 483534) FEATURING music not only "from" but also "inspired by" the film in question (directed by Tim Robbins and starring Susan Sarandon and Sean Penn). Dead Mon Walking boasts an impressive haul of new compositions by artists including vie Lovett, Steve Earle, Mary Chapin arpenter and Michelle Shocked.

The bleak nature of the film, which explores the moral dilemma of a Catholic nun whose loyalties are torn between a convicted murderer and his victim's relatives, doubtless explains the unremittingly sombre tone of most songs. For Bruce Springsteen, currently on a te-diously earnest folk jag, it's ideal. His tile track is exactly the dirge you would expect, while Patti Smith (Walkin Blind) and Suzanne Vega (Womnn On The Tier) are two of the more striking voices amid the general chorus of despair.

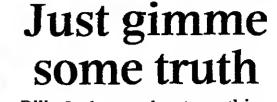
There are, however, welcome traces of black humour amid the functeal rum-blings of Torn Waits and Johnny Cash. But it is left to the unlikely partnership of Pakistani singer Nusret Fatch Ali Khan and Eddie Vedder of Pearl Jan to provide both album and film with a genuinely distinctive musical core.



Ambient warriors: (Top) the Beach Boys; (above left) the Aphex Twin: (above right) Claude Debussy

TOP TEN ALBUMS

(What's the Story) Morning Glory?. **Oasis** (Creation) 1 Robson & Jerome (RCA) Robson & Jerome. 2



Billy Joel got at least one thing right - honesty is such a lonely word, especially in the pop world

S omething unpredicted happened last week — when people call him "Axl", and he wants to revert to his industry, that is. where everything is planned and expected at least six months in advance. Michael Eavis. organiser of the Glastonbury Festival, announced that there would be no Glastonbury this year, as he wanted to rest his land, and concentrate on running as a Labour candidate in the local elections. He felt he couldn't give his full efforts to either cause if he indulged in both, and has therefore called off the week-long

ways been a very silly one: grown women and men pretending to be "hard" and "cool" onstage, when in reality they have sniffly cold: and would rather be colds, and would rather be at home drinking Horlicks and watching old videos ol Casualty. But it becomes depressing when the public is expected to believe that every single will be greater and poppier than the one before: that every album is a pro gression and will sell more than

real name of William.

The pop world has al-

celebration of falafel dominated by sunburnt. grubby men called lan wearing jester hats and drinking scrumpy. What an extraordinary move - someone telling the truth. and realising the limits of their

caught on .

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abilities. Imagine if it George Michael would have admitted, in all the publicity around the release of his new single Jesus to a Child. that he'd simply been too busy, what with the court case against Sony, the planning involved in grow-ing his new beard and everything, to write a tune.

It's got a picture of me on the cover, and the B-side is na's Sex. an acoustic demo of me doing Whom Rap!. but there's nothing hummable.

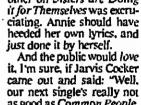
Robbie Williams, former-Lennox waiting over each ly of Take That, would other on Sisters are Doing revoke all his previous quotes about his joy over Take That breaking Ameri-ca, and admit he was abso-

as good as Common People. but you can only write

the last: and that two pop stars are always better than one. This simply isn't the truth. It's not truthful to CAITLIN say that Michael Jackson's career MORAN has been one huge artisoc line

going straight up, and that Black or White was better than Thriller, and that Eorth Song is better than Block or White. It quite clearly isn't - it's a hysterical man stomping around bellowing "What about Africa/Bosnia too?/What about the animals?" in the most wretched display of

No, Really You're Being Too Subtle since Madon-And pop-stars duets are never better than just one pop star on their own -Aretha Franklin and Annie



lutely gutted, and rather wished he'd just binen his lip and stuck in there, as he'd have private helicopters and the freedom of Stoke-on-Trent by now.

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YOKO ONO Rising (Capitol 8 35817)

CAST less often these days as that wailing woman who drove a wedge between John Lennon and the other Beatles, and increasingly recognised instead as something of a role model for a younger generation of female performers in rock.

ST ETIENNE DAHO Reserection (Virgin 7243 8 93070)

IN A week of challenging, cross-cultural collaborations, the strangest has to be the entente cordiale between French cult crooner Etienne Daho and synth-pop scenesters St Etienne from Croydon.

Anglo-Gallic pop full of artful poise. Accident (better known as He's on the Phone), which is sung by St Etienne's Sarah Cracknell, has its charm. But Daho overpowers the sub-Stone Roses groove of Jungle Pulse and the pop ballad Le Baiser Francais with his suspiciously smooth patter and breathy ardour.

Having spotted the potential for a

uniquely stylish name, the participants quickly joined up the musical dots and

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Reservction, a four-and-a-half-track EP of

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And Axl Rose of Guns N Roses would admit that his stage name - hilariously enough. an anagram of "Oral Sex" - was amusing when he thought of it. aged 16; but now, al the age of 31.

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song that good once a year, and you should all wait for the next album." Then we'd all know where we stood, and wouldn't think Pulp's career was over when the single peaked at 32.

Wild horses drag rock into the country

Paul Sexton meets those hard-blasting, easy-listening, award-winning Nashville twangers, the Mavericks

Raul Malo has a pet phrase. The lead singer of the Mavericks is fond of asking "Why not?" When one ponders the formatchallenging, genre-straddling success of America's hottest country band, the only possible response is another question: Why?

Who ever heard of a country band coming from Florida with a second generation Cuban for a frontman? What odds would you get against four friends who started out playing bar gigs for bemused bikers winding up as the Country Music Association's reigning Vocal Group of the Year? And what about that page in Nashville's etiquette manual that states, in large type, that Country Bands Must Not Fraternise With **Rock Audiences?**

The Mavericks have made conferri of the manual with a series of albums in which their love of both rock'n'roll icons and easy listening crooners has produced a meaningful and happy marriage. One in which the ghosts of Elvis Presley and Roy Orbison live on the same block as Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett, and meet for a long-playing party at the Country Music Hall of Fame with Eddy Arnold and Buck Owens.

In the past year, numerous extra-curricular activities have shown that this is a country act with a different agenda from the guys with big hats and bad moustaches. The Mavericks appeared on the tribute album to Southern rockers Lynyrd Skynyrd, contributed True Love Woys to a forthcoming Buddy Holly tribute, and got their version of Blue Moon on to the soundtrack of Apolla 13. Malo even co-wrote and sings on a track on an impending album by Neil Diamond. But then this is the man who happily tells you: "I enjoy Ray



Everyone's invited to the Mavericks' party - including Elvis, Ray Conniff and Buck Owens

Conniff records as much as Alanis Morissette records." It's a cross-pollination that reaches a new level on the current Mavericks album, Music for all Occasions, in which the word "retro" becomes a compliment again. Last Sunday in Dublin. the Mavericks opened their first full-scale European tour with a show at the Olympia that set music back about 40 years. If there is a more unpretentiously enjoyable concert in 1996, I look forward to it. Here were tales both old and new of empty glasses and broken hearts: classics like Tonight the Bottle Let Me Down and Make the World Go Away and group compositions such as Missing You, Here Comes the

being politically correct that Rain, and the show-stopping I Should Have Been True, the we can't do or say a damned best song Roy Orbison never recorded. Not to mention a "Part of our own little mishelping of Jombalaya and a splendid Guontonamero. sion is hey, just relax. I don't know of any artist who's And all because, Malo says, curing cancer, or saved humanity. I'm as involved as the next artist in charitable afthe Mavericks are still in this for the laughs. "If 'retro' means let's have fairs, but to take your work so

some fun, then why nor?" he says, giving his catchphrase another airing. "We watch a lot of old footage on the bus, seriously is kind of a travesty. It's just music, and we're lucky to be doing it." ing aspect of the Mavericks' steady rise is the extent to which they have maintained and there's an episode of Johnny Carson where Dean Martin, Joey Bishop and Bob such a distinctly rock 'n' roll outlook on their life and work. Hope are on the show, and they're all drunk as hell, they're all smoking ... If you yet still been embraced by the were to do that now, you'd be in serious trouble. We've be-Nashville establishment. hardly renowned for its openmindedness. The fact that come so concerned about

bassist Robert Reynolds is married to country demi-goddess Trisha Yearwood is no hindrance, but in previous instances of an artist challenging certain genre rules - as k.d. lang discovered - the state of Tennessee has responded with a forceful "Not today, thank you".

"I saw footage of the CMA Awards", Malo says, "and we pretty much look like a bunch of freaks compared to everybody else. That's not something we planned, it's just the way we are." But it did not stop the Mavericks from leaving country's gala night last October with their trophy.

Some three years ago, the group left Miami and made Nashville their home. "I have a lot of good friends in Nashville;" Malo says. There's a very cool segment of the industry there. Miami was getting out of hand, and we realised early on we could either stay there and play for a couple hundred bucks a week in whatever club, play all night and sleep all day, or actually get up off our asses and go to work, get in a van

and pay our dues. "Tell you the muth, it was pretty risky. We didn't know if Nashville would be the right place for us. But we thought it would be good for business and, hell. if we can shake things up a bit, why not? And it's worked out great." British audiences have five

chances to see the Mavericks' musical democracy in action later this month. Conniff fans welcome, but please, no labels.

• The Mavericks play Shephend's Bush Empire on Jan 25 and 26. Narwich University Plan 28. Manchester University Academy (Jan 29) and Glasgow Royal Concert Hall (Jan 30). The album Music For All Occasions is released by MCA. Here Comes the Rain is released as a single at the end of the month

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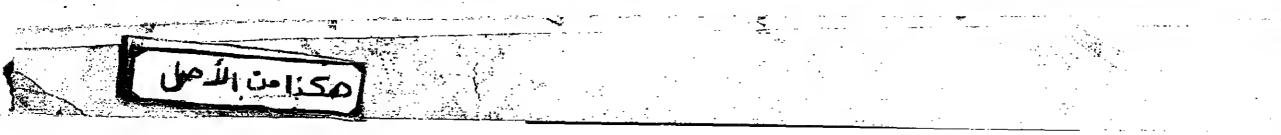
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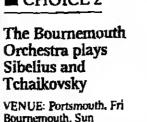


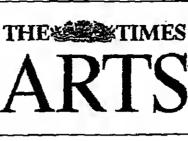
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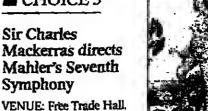
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there is generally something fascinating. for self-centred Europeans at least, in observing how other lands have been seen at first contact, interpreted and reinterpreted. The history of Brazil through European Eves goes back, in the current exhibition at Christie's, to 1031, when João Teixeira Albernaz's atlas O Estodo do Brasil, mapping the whole coastline, was first published. This is a tribute to Portuguese mapmaking skills, as one might expect. What one would really not expect, however, is the predominance of Dirtch and Flemish painters in the area during the 17th century. But the Dutch at that period were trying to establish a presence on the mainland of South America. For a while they occupied the sugar-growing regions of Pernambu-co, and in 1637-44 Prince Maurice of Nassau-Siegen brought out a group of artists and scholars to document the new lands.

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vitality all its own. With the Romantics we are on more familiar and reliable territory. Painters

such as E.E. Shute, who painted the Paolo Afonso Falls in 1850, found an irresistible call to Sublimity, while Johann Moritz Rugendas evoked Indians shooting a jaguar with arrows as though they had stepped straight out of Paul et Virginie.

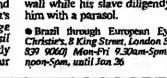
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there is in plenty, but it is difficult to know whether social comment is lurking beneath the surface when he depicts the Return of the Naturalist's Black Assistant loaded with specimens, or shows a grandee unconcernedly urinating against a house wall while his slave diligendy shades

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For the makers of Gobelins tapestries, such as The Fishermen, the "Nouvelles Indes" became an abstraction botanical studies, done while he was circumnavigating the world with Cook, contrive to be both formally and scientifically exact. As for the artist thought to be Joaquim Jose de Miranda, his enthusiastic strip cartoon, chronicling in 39 panels a meeting between a government expedi-tion and the indians of Campos de Carrapato in 1771 has a primitive



There was pleaty of the required spiky rhythms and incisive articulation, from both instruments, while a



Among the artists were Frans Post, Albert Eckhout and probably Gillis Peeters, all represented in the show. Sometimes, as in Peeters's View of Recife. one would guess that the work was at least completed in Europe, and while some of Post's landscapes of coastal Brazil may have been done on the spot, his views of the interior, much in demand by Dutch buyers in love with the exotic, clearly owe more to imagination than practical observation. No doubt, like many 19th-century orientalist painters, he came home with enough material in his notebooks

ed, for the rest of his life. The 18th century brings in three wildly various viewpoints. For the makers of Gobelins tapestries, the "Nouvelles Indes" become a sort of Arcadian abstraction, in which the characters escape being allegorical by a hair's breadth and the flora and fauna, though presumably based on

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Dublin Flyer rises above adversity

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

NEVER doubt a street-fighter with his back to the wall. Circumstances conspired en-tirely against Dublin Flyer at Wincanton vesterday, but the horse simply powered to victory in the John Bull Chase. Make no mistake, Dublin

Make no mistake, Dublin Fiver presents a formidable barrier to One Man winning the Cheltenham Gold Cup. Dublin Flyer's dislike of racing right-handed has been well documented and the well documented, and the portents looked ominous when this habitual front-runner was left many lengths at the start. Nevertheless, he looked in control until an appalling blunder at the final ditch saw Travado, Viking Flagship and Lusty Light engulf him like a rash.

But such adversity brings out the best in him. Woe betide any horse who dares head him, as Egypt Mill Prince discovered in the Mackeson Gold Cup in November. This time Travado threw down the challenge and Dublin Flyer responded with typical brio. He drew seven lengths clear of Nicky Henderson's chaser, with Viking Flagship a disappointing eight lengths further behind.

It was a thoroughly convinc-

ing display, punctuated - that

one error apart — by some quicksilver fencing. Debate will now rage on Dublin Flyer's ability to be as effective over the 21 miles of the Cold over the 3¹ miles of the Gold Cup, for which Coral offers a best-priced 14-1.

Brendan Powell, who rode the ten-year-old, entertained few doubts. "I can't see any reason why he shouldn't stay. One Man is a good horse but he will have to jump with me down the far side at Cheltenham." That, in a nutshell, is the challenge facing One Man. To witness him engage Dublin Flyer at Cheltenham would be a sight to behold. But the duel, if it materialises too far from home, would surely

compromise both horses. Tim Forster, who has trained Dublin Flyer with a sure hand, can hardly counte-nance the improvement in his charge. Indeed, the horse looked beaten when falling at the final fence in this race 12 months ago. Yet Lusty Light, the winner on that occasion. trailed home more than 15 lengths back yesterday. -Last year I thought Mar-

tha's Son was two stone in front of Dublin Flyer," Forster said. "This was a fine perfor-mance. Brendan [Powell] said the horse was hanging so

badly that he could hardly ride him:" Any amount of hard riding would not have stirred Viking Flagship. Richard Dunwoody reported him some way off peak fitness but the two-mile champion chaser's crown now hangs by the slenderest of threads. Norman Williamson re-

ceived encouraging news after a visit to his doctor. Subject to favourable X-rays on February 5. Williamson plans to return at the Tore Gold Trophy fixture at Newbury five days later. The jockey has been out of action since breaking his right leg at Sedgefield in October. Jim Old has withdrawn Mole Board and Collier Bay from The Ladbroke at Leo

pardstown tomorrow. The former's absence precipitates a minimum 13lb rise in the weights while the latter was quoted 4-1 favourite by the sponsors after his Sandown victory on Saturday. Peter Easterby is to hand over the reins of his Habton Grange stables, near Malton, to his son, Tim. "Tim will have the licence to run things from February 1, but 1 haven't handed in my own licence," Easterby said yesterday.



Dublin Flyer leads home Travado in the John Bull Chase at Wincanton yesterday

Treasure Again to plunder prize

BBC2 2.35: Incheailloch, fit from the Flat, beat Certainly Strong on their chasing debuts at Kempton and was sent off a short-priced favourite to repeat the feat at Sandown early last month. only to make a uncharacter-istic blunder four out. Jeff King's promising chaser is 81b better off here and will be well backed to gain revenge. However, the winning performance of Certainly Strong at Sandown was every bit as good as that of Inchcailloch at Kempton and

prove a bigger threat.

reappearance, lack of fitness

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TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION eral runners, he looks a value option. Richard Dunwoody gave Unguided Miss-ile a fine ride to win here a month ago but Gordon Richards's promising chaser the likely soft ground today could swing things in her favour. Tothewoods was beaten in the Sandown race is far from foot perfect. Dextra Dove and Edimbourg are others for the short list.

when unseating three out and Ground Nut could 3.35: Killone Abbot will be popular after the way he 3.05: Despite winning five races on the bounce last season with Percy Smollett, David Nicholson is hopeful slogged through the mud to win the Gerry Feilden Hurdle at Newbury. That was over two miles but the breeding of Jim Old's runner the handicapper has not caught up with his progressuggests this trip should suit. Trickle Lad and Wee sive chaser, for whom soft ground and right-handed courses are prerequisites. Al-though this is his seasonal Windy are closely matched, but I will take a risk with Treasure Again. A leading novice last season, he looks well treated and should relish this ground and trip. runners from Jackdaws Castle. In an open race, with

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Why coming sixth is a champagne moment at Punchestown

the course at Plumpton held an inspection and announced that the track was waterlogged. As a consequence, Wednesday's meeting was aban-doned, which grieved me, for I had intended to go. Plampton is an agreeable place; the train from Victoria drops you at the door and since they bulldozed the kill behind which the horses disap-peared before they, or possibly some other horses, came back into sight, it has provided good sport.

So on Wednesday ! went to Punchestown. My eldest daughter attended a funeral in Wakefield. She had to take her place by 11.30am and, as there are no bargain fares at that time of day. the return train journey cost £93.

I flew to Dublin from Gatwick for £68 return and could have flown there from Stansted for £48. It is the new thing: no trappings flights. Seat yourself and, if

ast Tuesday afternoon, the clerk of you want tea or coffee, you should have on lads, who's going to brought a thermos.

Punchestown is 45 minutes out of Dublin, a country coorse that has a festival week of fierce activity in late April and for the rest of the year holds nicely downbeat meetings at which people reminisce and get into trim. Wednesday was fine and sunny, the going was soft, the crowd modest and the ratio of bookmaker-to-punter seriously intimidating.

Racing is a sport that comes naturally to the Irish. This is borse country, the natives are knowledgable and, when the runners parade, the people stand sixdeep around the ring; when the horses canter to the start, the manner in which they go down is assessed with expertise.

There is a totalisator which is straight and honest, as are all totes. Bookmakers, on the other hand, are extrovert and cunning and call you "lad" as in "Come

take me to the cleaners?" Unlike our Honest Mick. who calls himself a turf accountant and plays it by the book. Honest Pat provides "niche" bets, like who is going to be the best of the unfancied runners: he makes a book without the five horses likely to be involved in the finish. I do not know many places where yoo can watch your horse

come sixth and celebrate the success in champagne (non-vintage Moet is priced at £40 a bottle. Shame on them). Racing being part of the Irish way of

life, people at Irish racecourses take these events in their stride, do not make occasions of them, neither dress up or



I go to the Punch-estown National Hunt Festival every year. It is the Celtie Cheltenham: huge crowds, mammoth bets, six days of craic (pronounced crack) -- which is a blend of conversation and Guinness and chancing your luck with a hooley to see you

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The quality of Wednesday's racing was mediocre: humdrum burdles, chases that you could take or leave and a National Hunt flat race for those who like to stay to the end and become part of the traffic jam

I backed Richard Dunwoody's horses. I reckoned that he had paid more than I for the flight across the trish Sea and

that this was with some purpose in mind. Wrong. Because this is not festival week and

too early for American citizens tracing their ancestors, too late for Christmas celebration, the restaurant where I dined was empty, the food the way food is when the chef has no impetus. If the soup had been as hot as the champagne. the champagne as old as the chicken ... that sort of meal. Then brandy at the Manor Inn in Naas, which, in late April, beaves with gregarious humanity: it now boasted three men at the bar and two women whispering in a corner.

Right place, wrong time. Racing in Ireland is an option that should be considered. Unless you are silly enough to indulge in what we call judicious investment and others deem "mug punting", a trip to Punchestown costs less than an outing to a noon funeral in Wakefield.

Keegan has plenty of work to do on Tyneside

BY OLIVER HOLT

at Selhurst Park this time last year effectively scuppered Manchester United's chances

of overhauling Blackburn

Rovers at the top of the FA

Carling Premiership, Ginola's aberration and anticipated

three-match ban could ham-

per Newcastle's attempts to

maintain the seven-point gap

between themselves and Man-

chester United, Suddenly May

Of course, there were extentuating circumstances

behind Ginola's dismissal, in

the 67th minute of the Coca-

Cola Cup quarter-final, Many Arsenal supporters said they

had not witnessed such ferocious booing of a player since Mark Hughes and Paul Ince,

then of Manchester United,

came in for special treatment

in a particularly fraught

match at Highbury two years'

ago. Ashby compounded mat-

ters by booking the French-

seems a long way away.

IT HAPPENED this time last year, when he sold Andy Cole to Manchester United, and now it is upon him again. Pressure and its icy blast have a habit of descending on Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle United manager, in the gloom of January. David Ginola's dismissal in his team's 2-0 defeat at Arsenal on Wednesday night, for elbowing Lee Dixon, and the subsequent Football Association inquiry into the unseemly touchline behaviour of Terry McDermott, mean it is close to crisis-time again,

The FA confirmed yesterday that, although the police will not take any action against McDermott, Keegan's assistant, or Bruce Rioch, the Arsenal manager, for their shoving and finger-pointing in the aftermath of Ginola's dismissal, both men will be asked to submit their versions of events to Lancaster Gate.

The match referee, Gerald Ashby, was also ordered to submit an immediate report

SEMI-FINALS Arsenal v Aston Villa

Norwich or Birmingham v Leeds



Yuran, front, can see no problems after signing for Millwall, while Kulkov sees driving on the left as his biggest worry

leaves comrades lost for words

Millwall's Russian revolution

Hamed floored by hand operation

NASEEM HAMED had keybole surgery in a London clinic yesterday after pulling out of the first defence of his World Boxing Organisation featherweight championship for the second time. Instead of promoting his contest with Arnulfo Castillo, of Mexico, at a Mayfair hotel, the 21-year-old from Sheffield was having an operation to repair the right hand he damaged when winning the title against Steve Robinson. of Wales.

The injury caused the postponement of the original bout with Castillo in December, Now, a recurrence has forced Hamed to withdraw from the rescheduled date of February IO at the London Arena, Frank Warren, the promoter. said: "It is a worry. Three bones are fused together and need to be separated, but the doctor says it is not career-threatening and we are hoping he could be back in the ring in a month or so. 'Naz' could have had cortisone injections, but the problem needs to be sorted out."

King is checked

SWIMMING: Jaime King, of Britain, finished second as Han Xue, of China broke her own world record in the women's 50 metre breaststroke in a World Cup series event in Peking yesterday. Han Xue clocked 30.98sec, with King touching home in 32.06sec. Suki Brownsdon, 30, the City of Coventry breaststroker who is aiming to become the first British swimmer to compete in five Olympic Games, has been recalled to the England squad after a four-year absence. Brownsdon retired from international competition after the 1992 Games, but resumed serious training last year.

Blundell's hopes go west

MOTOR RACING: Mark Blundell, of Britain, saw his chances of continuing his Formula One career virtually disappear yesterday when Tyrrell Yamaha confirmed that Ukvo Katavama would partner Mika Salo, of Finland, in their cars this season. Blundell, who was beaten to the vacant position at Sauber-Ford by Johnny Herbert, his compatriot, is likely to turn his attention towards IndyCar racing in the United States, having already worked with the PacWest team. Katayama, of Japan, has been with Tyrrell for three years, where he attracts his own sponsorship package to a team powered by Japanese engines.

Bond's defence breached

BOWLS: Ian Bond, England's youngest national indoor singles champion, will not be defending his title in April after he was beaten 21-14 in the Devon qualifying event yesterday by John Evans, a former international. Bond, 21, who has suffered a series of misfortunes since winning the event, had to pull out of the national outdoor championships at Worthing in August, when he was temporarily paralysed by a mysterious illness. He failed to impress the England selectors in the senior indoor trial last week, but will be skipping for the England juniors against the Wales Under-25 side at Portsmouth on Sunday.

When the rules do not protect the gifted players," Keegan said, "then we are in trouble. Ginola was more sinned against than sinner tonight and yet he was the one

man for diving when he fell under a cynical tackle from Nigel Winterburn.

through to breakfast.

14: second legs on February 21 and 25

on the touchline fracas, based on the evidence of his linesman, Raymond Olivier, who described it as "an aggressive verbal confrontation".

Rioch admitted that he lost his temper after a remark by McDermott, thought to have referred to the Arsenal manager's own combative style during his playing days. For Newcastle, though, the

worst aspect of the ugly scenes that completed a difficult day for English football was that they threw the future of Ginola, who has made a huge impact at St James' Park with

his wing play, into doubt. The flamboyant Frenchman admitted at the weekend that he was lonely in the North East and Keegan spoke openly after Wednesday night's furore of "trying to talk him round", hinting that the player was ready to move on.

There must be something about Frenchmen and January nights in the English capital that just do not mix. Eric Cantona's excursion into the crowd after his sending off

who was sent off. He is very different to Cantona in some ways, but I think they both have problems playing in English football."

In purely practical terms. and-dagger operation, masterminded by stonytoo, Ginola's absence will be a heavy blow to Newcastle. faced men in heavy coats; it Their huge squad has been pared down by the recent sales was not quite a proper press conference, with the subjects of players such as Ruel Fox waxing lyrically and lucidly and Scott Sellars and the about their hopes for the injury to Keith Gillespie. With future. When east met west Ginola gone, too, suddenly there is a dearth of wide players to supply the ammuni-tion for Les Ferdinand.

yesterday, when Millwall in-trodoced Sergei Yuran and Vasili Kulkov to the assembled media, there was little to If there is any consolation be said. The Russians may be for Newcastle supporters in all coming, indeed have arrived, of this, it is that Keegan took but they do not speak a word pains to remove himself from talk of the succession to Terry

of English. Instead, the thooghts of Yuran, 26, and Kulkov, 29, Venables as England managers. "It has got absolutely were heard via the voice of nothing to do with me," he said. "My place is at Newcastle and, judging by the Elena Sidwell, interpreter, confidante, football broker and all-round Mrs Fixit. It was her diplomacy, and the negotiating skills of the New York-based sports agency she way we have played in the last few matches, we have got a lot

t was not quite a cloak

Howard Kendall, the Shefworks for, that arranged for the Russia internationals to field United manager, will announce the club record signtrade in Spartak Moscow for ing of Don Hurchison, from West Ham United, for £1.2 south-east London. Such a giamorous and million this morning. globe-trotting life Sidwell Russell Kempson travels to the New Den

to meet the first division's latest imports

leads. Last Friday, to the New Den in Bermondsey, to announce the signings: this week, the Millwall training ground at the former Midland Bank sports club in Bromley, to onveil the new boys; next week, Colombia, to set up another deal.

Yet only two bours' earlier, Millwall's proudest moment almost foundered because of last-minute nerves. "The lads were not keen to do this," Mick McCarthy, the Millwall manager, said. "It is all a bit embarrassing for them. They just want to play football, but they eventually agreed." So ... did Yuran, a striker,

or Kulkov, a defender, expect any hitches as they attempt to settle in this country? "I like London," Sidwell said that Yuran said. "My main task is to play and I can't see any problems. Millwall is a prom-

ising club for the future; if they go up to the premier league, we will go with them. That is why we came here. They made us a specific offer." The financial carrot. reputedly dangling in the region of £5,000 a week until their loan spell expires at the end of the season, was equally enticing to Kulkov. "My main concern is I must learn to drive on a different side of the road,"

Sidwell revealed that Kulkov joked. "Once I get used to that. there will be no problems." Yuran and Kulkov will play in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division match against Port Vale at the New

Den on Saturday, when the Millwall supporters, not usualty noted for their tolerance, will have a first chance to discreetly suggest that per-haps Vasili should concentrate a bit more or that Sergei ought to be a little sharper with his finishing.

They've got nothing to prove to me." McCarthy said. They just want to prove they can play in England. We've eased them in gently this week and they've been fine."

pedigrees, they should be fine. Yuran has made 154 appear-ances. scoring 59 goals, for Dynamo Kiev, Benfica, FC Porto and Spartak. He has played in 29 international matches, scoring eight goals, and should play for Russia in the European championship finals. "He will light up the place," Bobby Robson, the Porto manager, said.

Kulkov has made 45 international appearances, played alongside Yuran at Benfica, Porto and Spartak and is also likely to feature in Russia's European programme. "He reads the game very well." Robson said. Hopefully, for Miliwali's sake, much better than he talks it.

Johnson Miami bound

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Jimmy Johnson is expected to be named coach of the Miami Dolphins, succeeding Don Shula, who has retired. Johnson coached the Dallas Cowboys to two Super Bowl triumphs before leaving two years ago after falling out with the team's owner, Jerry Jones. Wayne Huizenga, the Dolphins owner, had a five-hour meeting with Johnson, who has also had talks with Tampa Bay about their coaching vacancy earlier this week. Johnson coached the University of Miami for five seasons and is a strong favourite among supporters for the job with the Dolphins.

Champions on new track

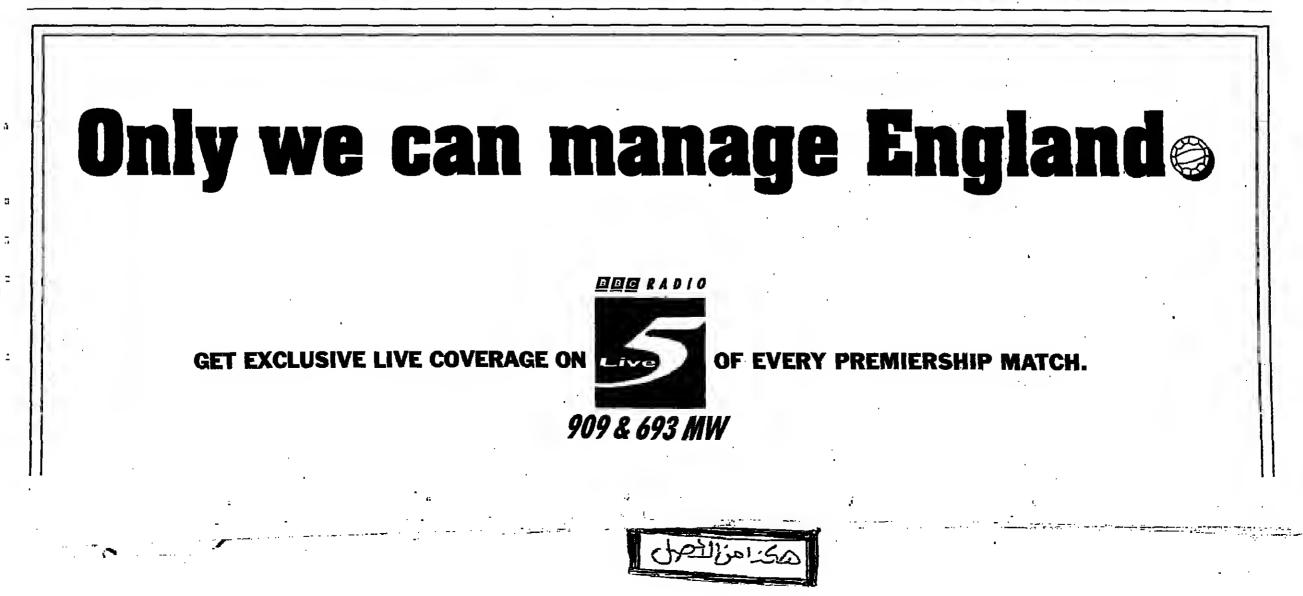
CYCLING: Rob Hayles and Russell Williams, the British Madison track champions, have signed for Team Ambrosia, joining a four-man team of road specialists that was announced last week. Hayles, who turned professional 12 months ago, was the most influential rider for London in the opening round of the five-cities track league at Manchester last weekend, with three victories, and will compete again tomorrow in the next stage of the five-week series. He will use early-season road races as preparation for his attempt to gain a place in the Great Britain squad for the 4.000 metres pursuit at the Olympic Games.

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that the clubs registered as amateur would abide by the present regulations of the

RFU, with scrutiny uf ac-counts to ensure that funds are

not used to pay players. Only players registered with ama-teur clubs would be eligible for

representative amateur leams. The support for amateur rugby is undoubtedly strong

and would be maintained at a

high level by a programme of representative matches con-fined to registered amateur

players. The obvious vehicle lor such a tournament is the

county championship. which embodies still the spirit of

amateur sport and is unlikely

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BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

world championships will be

that means keeping sponsors

team out to the course, so they are training with it mind," David Clarke, the men's team

manager, said. Frustrated by lack of support from above,

Clarke has made progress in

his first year as manager. For

a start, he keeps in touch with

the athletes.

THE gate to the coming world opportunity to give most of the cross country championships in South Africa will be partialpotential team a chance to sample the course to be used ly opened this weekend, offer-ing a reminder that, if you for the trials underlines the point. The European champion-ships were held in Northum-

throw enough mud, some will stick — in which case, it is time that the British Athletic Federberland. The trials for the arion (BAF) took a bath to wash away the criticism. in Northumberland. Yet the BAF did not announce the For the leading ten senior men and six senior women in the Reebok United Kingdom venue — Ashington — until yesterday because it had left inter-counties championships arrangements in the hands of at Luton tomorrow, direct Nova International, to whom the BAF has effectively abdiqualification into the British trials for the world championcated responsibility for cross ships is guaranteed. The same applies to the first six junior country in Britain. For Nova, cross country is business and men and junior women.

There has been plenty to cheer so far this winter: British team medals in the European championships, Paula Radeliffe's victories in world cross challenge races at Dur-ham and Mallusk, Andrew Pearson's European bronze medal and second place in Durham, Chris Sweeney's second in Mallusk. More so than at any time since 1992, when the senior men took team bronze medals and Radcliffe won the junior title, there is hope that Great Britain can

world championships. Radcliffe and Pearson are showing their best winter form. For the first time, Roh Denmark and Paul Evans, respectively Britain's best 5,000 and 10,000 metres runners, will be available; on a fast course in Stellenbosch, their presence is as important as that of Pearson.

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Still, though, the runners and coaches say that the BAF

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BAF secures £2m deal worth £2 million if it runs the

THE British Athletic Federa-tion (BAF) cut out the middlefull three years; initially for man and announced its first two years, there is an option self-arranged title sponsor-ship yesterday (David Powell on 1998. Under its arrangement, APA is entitled to a writes). Securicor will back the Olympic trials and grand prix meeting at Crystal Palace percentage. However, it may he waived, in which case the. BAF will see more money than under its previous sponsthis year in a deal negotiated orship. The adverse publicity surrounding Colin Jackson and Linford Christie is thought to have contributed by Barry Snellgrove, the BAF commercial director, rather than by Alan Pascoe Asso-ciates (APA), its marketing towards the decision by KP agency since 1985. The sponsorship will be Foods not to renew.

"As an athlete. I would get a letter once a year." he said. "You need to do more than that. The element of positiveness around at the moment may be why they are respond-ing the way they are. They actually leet that somebody is interested in them."

For too long. Britain has gone to the world championships without its best men, but Clarke does not expect that crack to appear this time. "Almost everybody wants to run in South Africa," he said. Brendan Foster, the former European 5,000 metres champion, has convinced Denmark that he is harming his chances happy, hence the delay. "It would have been an ideal opportunity to take the British of greater success on the track each summer by not having a competitive cross country season. Foster points to a list of Africans who have followed success in the world cross country championships with storming performances on the track and Clarke agrees that cross country is fundamental to good summer results. There has been a notable surge in the number of track men running cross country this winter.

"South Africa is a stepping stone for the Olympic Games," Clarke said, though he added, ruefully, "so the funding should be there." He is disappointed that the feder-ation has failed to find money. either direct or through sponsorship, for team preparation in warmer climes.

There are signs that the BAF cross country commission may be prepared to give up on any significant help from the federation management board and, by starting a British Cross Cup, provide better racing opportunities in Britain and, perhaps, funding from a

sponsor. Answering criticism that the federation does too little for cross country. Matt Frazer, the BAF secretary, said that it was "a legitimate claim as people see it", but he pointed to more athletes being sent for experi-ence in small teams abroad and development of juniors through BAF-funded squad weekends.

Frazer does not envisage any significant changes. "After all," he said, "part of the attraction for people like me is that it is the least commercial part of the sport."



Rusedski hits a backhand during his quarter-final victory over Draper in Sydney

Rusedski maintains progress

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

Swardt, of South Africa. 6-3. 6-2 to reach the semi-finals. She has not played in a tourna-ment since the US Open last year.

GREG RUSEDSKI continued

his impressive build-up to the

Australian Open next week by

reaching the semi-finals of the

Peters International tourna-

the powerful Mariaan de

quarter-finals.

Three British players who were attempting to book their places in the men's singles ment in Sydney yesterday. Rusedski, the British No I. overcame Scott Draper, of Australia, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 in the draw at the Australian Open fell at the first hurdle of the Rusedski, who is unseeded qualifying competition in Melin the tournament, was joined in the last four by Goran bourne yesterday. Andrew Richardson, Danny Sapsford Ivanisevic, the top seed, who and Nick Baglin all went out in the opening round: Rich-ardson, from Lincolnshire, beat Mark Woodforde 6-4, 7-5. Ivanisevic declared his intent lost 6-3, 6-2 to Steve Campbell. of the United States; Sapsford, from Weybridge, was beaten 6-4, 6-3 by Diego Nargiso, of Italy; and Baglin, from Macby breaking Woodforde in the opening game and winning three service games to love in the first set. In the women's singles, Monica Seles continued her clesfield, went down 7-6, 6-3 to rehabilitation when she beat Takao Suzuki, of Japan.

Clare Wood, Britain's No I

woman player from Brighton. starts her singles qualifying campaign today, Rusedski and Tim Henman go straight into the main draw of the

men's competition. Chris Wilkinson, from Southampton, who elected not to play in the Australian Open qualifying event, retired suf-fering from the effects of dehydration during his match against Paul Haarhuis, the lop seed, in the Indonesian Open in Jakarta yeslerday. Haarhuis was leading 6-1, 3-0

at the time. Pete Sampras, the world No I from the United States, whose build-up to the Austraseen to be done. Yours faithfully. lian Open has been hampered by illness, will play Boris Becker in an exhibition match A. CHARLTON, 45 St John's Avenue. Hebburn, Tyne and Wear. in Melbourne today.

SPORTS LETTERS

RFU must support amateurs

From Mr John Jacobsen Sir. The Rugby Football Union (RFU) has understandably been concentraring on the assimilation of professional rugby into a formerly totally amateur game. In formulating the structure and control of professional rugby. the RFU is m danger of killing the ama-teur game at the higher levels. The RFU has a prime responsibility to maintain the standard of antateur rugby and avoid the situation where and avoid the situation where gifted players are obliged to become professionals if they wish to play the game at the highest level. Young men with a career ahead of them should not be obliged to prejudice that career by taking on contracted truchy commitments. rugby commitments. The difficulty will be to define amateur status. The definition must be capable of

to receive support from open clubs and professional players. It is of prime importance for the health of amateur rugby verification in the case of every player claiming to be an amateur. The need is to prethat internationals between the home countries should serve the current regulations continue to be played at the national stadiums. The RFL: relative to amateurism for those players wishing 10 be has a duty to make Twickenclassed as amateurs. In addiham available to amateur tion. clubs affiliated to the RFU who wish to offer conplayers as well as the new professionals. Such is the ethos of amateur rugby union tracts and/or payments to their players would register as open clubs and other clubs football that an amateur international match between Eng-(the vast majority) would reg-ister as amateur clubs. There land and Wales will continue to fill the stands if the RFU would not be a ban on gives the amateur game the matches between open and support it deserves. Yours faithfully. JOHN JACOBSEN, IS Christchurch Street, SW3. amateur clubs, nor on amateur players playing for open clubs, though they would lose

From Mr A. Charlton Sir, The recent Test series in South Africa confirms that the standing umpires should automatically consult the third umpire to adjudicate on all appeals by the fielding side other than the most obvious. In most cases, it is a maner of fact whether a batsman is out or not and the ruling

should not be left to the instant judgment of the field umpires when evidence from the television replay is immediately available to the third umpire. Serious errors of instant judgments not only alter the course of the game, but cause

unneccesary ire to players and spectators alike. If doubts remain in spite of the camera evidence, then the batsman gets the benefit as before. The sanctity of umpires, which appears to cause concern in some quarters, is upheld; the adjudicator is a

anention to this? third umpire, with the advan-tage of deliberating from the slow-motion evidence and thus showing that justice is Yours faithfully, ROBERT OWENS. Wheatsheaf Lodge, Corton Denham. Sherborne, Dorset.

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ing the wrist in the process.

The right hand produces the

punch on the downward

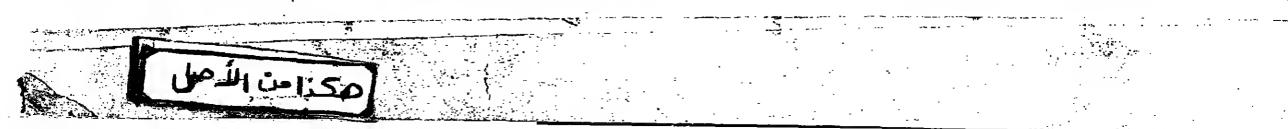
stroke. Do our coaches give

Replay justice Swing to right From Mr Robert J. K. Owens Sir, 1 so much agree with the comments of Mr Bruce Cowles (January 5) concerning

the lack of basic skills by English batsmen. However, there is another important point about technique. The preliminary to every

stroke, whether defensive or attacking, is the lifting of the bat. If it is not lifted straight, it will not come down straight and an angled bat has less chance of hitting the ball cleanly. The lifted bat pointing towards the slips is so often seen clearly on the telvision screen. This is caused by too much right hand in the lift. A good way to get it correct is to practise swinging the bat with the left hand only, turn-

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	of Davis	BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Birmingham Bul- lass 89 Thames Valley Tigers 77, Worthing Bears 106 Lexcester Riders 86.	4 (OT), Calgary 3 Hardord 2 (OT). BRITISH LEAGUE: Pramier division: Dur-	Cork Constitution). A McGowen	Dealer South East - W	est game Rubber bridge	CHESS CORRESPONDENT	21 g4 Ni6 22 Nxq6 3d7
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	BY COLIN MCQUILLAN	Semi-final series: Group B: Penaltrinaixos (Gr) 74 Barcelona (Sp) 95, Benfica (Por) 99 Pau-Onthez (Fr) 90.	MOTOR RALLYING	(Malone). P Curningham (Garryowen) Scotland A: S Lang (Henor's FP) C	▼		Adams wins	24 Ne5 Ba8 25 Ret b6
	JAMIE DAVIS, a gangling 23-	CRESTA RUN			• K J Ø		Although Michael Adams, the British grandmaster, got off to	25 Ret b6 26 b4 a5
	vear-old from Southgate, in		GRANADA TO DAKAR RALLY: Eleventh stage (Tichit to Kiffa): Cars:), P Fortienzy (Fr, Missubstri) 8.47.07, 2, B Soby (Fr, Missubstri) at 9:00: 3, P Lartique (Fr, Ottroent) 14.09 Melonovycles: 1, E Oniol (fr, Yamshei) 7.30:58, 2, J Arcarces (Sp, KTM) at 1-49, 3, A Meoni (t, KTM) 18:19. Overaal poelitions: Cars: 1, Lartique 51:20:15; 2, Philippe Wambergue (Fr, Coroent at 122:58, 3, H Mesucks (Japan, Misubishi) 14:24 Metoropoles: 1, Onch 55:33, 38: 2, Arcenons at 44:23, 3, O Trols (ft, Cagres) 3:39-11	etrong (Newcastle), G Wilson	+KO	<u> </u>	a very slow start in the	27 a3 axb4 28 axb4 bxc5
	north London, has already had the best week of his	ESCALANTE CUP: 1, C Mumentheler (Switz) 2min 03 26ecc, 2, C Kopp (Switz) 2,04.03; 3, S Firegger (Ger) 2:04.67.	Mitsubeth) at 900; 3. P Larigue (Fr.	(Watchatte), S water (rearror, S Am- etrong (Newcastie), G Wilson (Boroughrun, D Dis (Curre), B Stewart (Ednburgh Academcaic), P Watton (Newcastiel, M Norval (String Coursy), D Croth (Bourges), & Remit's (Hewch), J Amos (Gala), Regiscommits, S Lang (Instonens), S Nichol (Schrit), D Burts (Sewart's Methids FP), D Burts (Sovuptruut) M Browne (Metrose, M Scatt (Orma)	* +0 1087 N. *AK 10 W	. +K9 5 ▼0J9432	tournament at Groningen.	28 axb4 bxc5 29 bxc5 Ra3
	squash career.		Yamathai 7.3658. 2. J Arcarons (Sp. KTM)	(Newcaster, M Novel (String County), D Cronin (Bourges), & Remvick (Hewch), J	+85	• 4 3	Holland, over Christmas, he recovered well with a se-	30 Rfe3 Qa5
	He spent two hard days	FOOTBALL	positiona: Care 1, Langue 51.2015; 2,	Amos (Gala), Replacements: S Lang (Instantans), S Nichol (Seturk), D Burns	4A 10 65 S	#J97	quence of fine wins. In the	31 Qd2 Qa6 32 h4 Be7
	qualifying for the opening	Wedneeday's tate results	12258, 3, H Masucha (Jepan, Migubish)	(Sewart's Melville FP). D Burns (Bornughtmuir) M Browne Misrosei, M	÷32 ▼575		closing round, he inflicted this	33 Ne2 Ra2
	round of the QM national championships at Edgbaston	2 Newcestle United 0, Aston Ville 1	Arcenores at 44-23, 3, O Trole (1, Capita)	Scott (Orrel) TENNENTS INTER-DISTRICT CHAMP-	+A01		sharp defeat on Joel Lautier,	34 Od3 Oa5 35 Oc3 Oa4
- 65 ft ¹ /	Priory in Birmingham, need-	Wolverhampton Wanderens D: Leeds United 2 Reading 1, Norwich City 1 Birmingham		KONSHIP: Scottish Exias 34 South of Scotland 9 Edinburgh Denict 15 Nonh and	+4		the young Frenchman. The opening chosen by Adams has	36 Oc1 Ra7
	ing dearly two hours to over-	City 1. ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: Sec-	REAL TENNIS	Midlands 22. REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES RAF 34	Contract: Five Diamonds by Sou	the Lead: King of Hearts	not yet become mainstream	37 Nc3 Oxd4 38 Nxa2 Bxa2
	come Eric McAlpine, of	ond division: Stockport County 1 Bractiond City 2, Swindon Town 3 Swanses City 0	LEAMINGTON: British fathers and sons championship. Semi-finals: O and J Male	Civil Service 20. Royal Nevy 18 Combined London OB 24	Courses Five Diamonds by Sou	the beau King of means	theory, but it has proved	39 Qb1 Rb2
	Surrey, in the qualifying final, and yesterday managed his	SPALDING CUP: Second mund: Gales- head 4 Halifax 0	bi G and G Baker 8-2: J and M Ward bi G and N Baker 8-5 Handicap championship.		South opened Three Dia-	The solution is to play the	extremely popular not only with Adams himself but also	40 OI5 Kh8 4) Nd3 Black resigns
	best win so far, reaching 20	BELL'A SCOTTISH LEAGUE Premier	Final: O and J Male of A and C Wilson 6-4.	SQUASH	monds and North raised to	king of clubs from dummy at	with other English grand-	
	places up the senior England	division: Heart of Midfothan 4 Motherwall 0 Second division: Queen of the South 3	RIFLE SHOOTING	EDGBASTON PRIORY, Similaria CM	Five Diamonds. How should South play after ruffing the	trick two. If West takes it and switches to spades, you can	masters. including Julian	Diagram of final position
	ranking list to defeat Tim Garner, the England No 13,	Sternhousemur 3, Strantaer 0 Berwick 3 Third division: Livingston 3 Quaen's Park 1:	TRENTHAM: New Zeskand champion-	EDGBASTON PRIORY, Birmingham, OM national championships: Merc First round: P Lord (Chestime) ti S Handley (Dirards) 9-3, 9-1, 3-9, 9-4, D Meddings (Surrey) 16 G Thuase (Cumbra) 9-5, 9-6, 9- 6, 9-9, 3-18 M Chaloner (Lincs) to P Carles (Hans) 9-2, 9-0, 9-1, A Gough (Hans) to N Durgen (Bachs) 9-6, 9-1, 3-0 rst, 19 P Carles (Hans) 9-2, 9-0, 9-1, A Gough (Hans) to N Durgen (Bachs) 9-6, 9-1, 3-0 rst, P Jahnson (Kani) ti A Albu Taleb (Nemt) 9-5, 9-6, 9-5, J Dans (Hens) bi T Garner (Susse) 19-6, 9- 3, 9-2, O Hans, (Esset) to P Blanksby (Nots) 9-0, 9-1, 3-6 Women; First round: Clackman (Northalt) to Kansson (Susset) 9-2, 9-1, 9-0; S Fetion (Northants) to L Parler (Wors) 9-2, 9-1, 9-0; C Chamman (Susset) bi L Brown (Statts) 9-1, 9-2, 9-3, 1- Bucktey (Esset) ot Natrin (Northarts) 9-3, 9-3, 9-6, F Geawys (Goog) to S Littler (Hens) 9-1, 9-1, D Leywas (Susset) 1-1, Hargmanes (Merseysold) 9-2, 9-6, 9-2, J Menn (Northumbra) b M Goodhead (Nors) 40, 3-0, 9-1, 0-1, 0-Ward, (Northal th	heart in dummy?	cross-ruff for 11 tricks (you get	Hodgson and Tony Miles. In this game. Laurier is obliged to	5 A A A A
	9-6, 9-3, 9-2 m 67 minutes.	Ross County 0 Arbroath 0. UNIBOND LEAGUE: President's Cup: First round: Alfreton 2 Boston 2. Unifilia	TRENTHAM: New Zasland champion- slups: Queer's prizz (300 yards). 1 squst. C Mailes (UMRA) and G Bailinger (NZ) 50 QBps: Other British: N Ball SU8, N	(Surrey) bi G Thwase (Cumbra) 9-5, 9-6, 9- 6, A Loss (Vorks) bi O Campion (Vorks) 9-7	This refresher is about	two black tricks and nine	accept a cramped position and	7 11 14 11 11 1
	Today, he meets the much-	First round: Altreton 2 Boston 2. Unifila Cup: Second round replay: Farsley Caltic	50 09pts Other British: N Ball 50.8, N Brasier 50.5, J Scoble 50.3, Armada Cup	6-9. 9-3 ret. M Chaloner (Lincs) bi P Certer Hensi 9-2 9-0 9-1. A Gouch (Hantsa bi N	counting your tricks. Here, you have one in spades, a	diamond tricks). If West plays a trump, you win in dummy.	Adams finishes him off	3 % 1 % X 1
	fancied No 2 seed, Del Harris, of Essex, in the second round.	1 Lancastar 3.	20 July Tar. Son State Strategy of the second state St	Durgan (Bucks) 9-5, 9-1, 3-0 ret, P Johnson (Kent) M A Alsou Taleb (Kent) 9-5, 9-6, 9-5	heart ruff you have just made	play the queen of clubs and	efficiently.	5 A1 8
	"Harris was the star of	LEAGUE DF WALES: Ebbw Vale 0 Cwmbran 1. Porthmedog 2 Holywell 0	series: equal 1, G Cant, (LMRA) and G Balinger (NZ) 50 10 Ball 50 7, P Coley	J Davis (Hens) bit T Gamer (Susse) 3-6, 9- 3, 9-2 O Hamis (Feren) bit P Blanksby	and six tricks in diamonds.	ruff a club, ruff a heart, ruff a	White: Michael Adams Black: Joel Lautier	4 金 元 五 元
	British squash when I was	AVON INSURANCE COMBINING First divelor: Bristol City 1 Winbledon 2: Crystal Paleos 2: Charlon Athletic 2: Second divelor: Cendit 2: Bournamouth 0, Torquay	50.7, S Clark 50.5, R Anken 50.5, R Benz 50.5, 900 vands; 1, R Mayston, (NZ) 50.9;	(Nots) 9-0, 9-1, 9-6 Women: First round:	You need three more from somewhere. You can get only	club and draw trumps. Now, the fifth club is established	Groningen, December 1995	3 2 4 5 2 2
	coming through the junior county ranks," Davis said, "To	division: Cardiff 2 Bournemouth 0, Torquay	11, Bal 50.7.	9-2, 9-1, 9-0: S Feton (Northants) bi L	one more heart ruff, for, when	and you still have the ace of	Trompovsky Attack	
	meet him in the nationals is	1 Cheltenham 1. COMBINED COUNTRES LEAGUE: Pre- mier division: Ash Utd 1 Hartley Wintney 0	RUGBY LEAGUE	(Sussed) bi L Brown (Stats) 91, 92, 93 h.	the defence gains the lead,	spades as your entry - you	1 d4 d5	
	oute a moment for me."	PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Notis	STONES CHAMPIONSHIP: Leeds 28 Old-	9-3, 9-6, F Gezaves (Glos) br S Littler (Herts)	they will play a trump and so confine you to two ruffs.	make the ace of spades, two heart ruffs, six diamond tricks	2 Bg5 h6 3 Bh4 c6	
	By yesterday's form.	PONTINS LEAGUE Finst division: Notis County 0 Sheffield Wechesdey 3. Oldhem 3 West Bromwert 2. Blackburn 3 Berningtem Cay 0. Second division: Blackpool 0 York 3: Hudderstield 5 Mansheld 1; Mudflestmough 1. Burniky 2. Pont Vale 1. Presion 1. Bothertsm 1 Hull 0. Third division: Bur 3 Genetic 0. Department 2. Streambury 2.	hem 25: Workington 24 Warrington 18. First Civinion: Whitehaven 18 Widnes 14. Wake-	Hargranes (Marseyside) 9-2 5-6, 9-2 J	So, it appears that you	in hand, the queen of clubs	4 Nf3 Ob6	
	though, the moment may not last too long. Davis has fea-	Cay 0 Second division: Blackpool 0 York 3; Huddersfield 5 Mansfield 1; Muddlesbrough	Christon: Whitehaven 16 Wignes 14. Wake- field 24 Babley 14. Second division: Bram- ley 4 Hull IKR 40. Centele 48 Barrow 6. Don- caster 12 Hunslei 36, York 38 Swatton 20	(Worca) 9-0, 9-0, 9-1, O Vardy (Notts) bl N Clus, (Susses) 9-3, 9-0, 9-1	should play for tricks in clubs.	and the fifth club.	5 b3 Nd7 6 e3 e5	Varna draw
	nured in junior events around	1 Burnley 2, Port Vale 1 Presion 1. Botherham 1 Hull 0, Third division: Bury 3			With this club holding, it is	The 1996 Macallan Interna- tional pairs championship	7 Bg3 erd4	Analoly Karpov and Veselin Topalov, the Bulgarian
#	Herrfordshire and Middlesex	Homemann Trau C, Traid Gweeke Cury S Chester O Chesteried 2 Streetworkury 2 Darington 4 Scurthome 2; Scarborough 3 Doncester 1. Wigan D Carticle 1. BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Dr. Martens Cup: Third round: Bucksrgham Town 1 Numetics Borough 3. Newport AFC 1	RUGBY UNION	TABLE TENNIS	often right to lead towards the king-queen, but see what hap-		8 ex.d4 Ngf6 9 Bd3 Be7	grandmaster, drew a six-game
	for years and been noriced, here and there, on a national	Doncester 1, Wigen D Certisie 1. REATER HOMES LEAGUE: Dr Martena	TEAMS: Indend A v Scotland A (to be played al Donnybrook, January 19) Indanc	MANCHESTER: European Olympic ques- tying bournament: Selected results: Marc Stage one: M Syed (GB) to 1 Straun 72:121- 10, 21-14, 21-15, M Syed (GB) to 1 Milar	pens if you try that here. You	House Hotel, Regent's Park.	10 0-0 0-0	match at speed chess time
	league level, Harris, however,	Cup: Third round: Buckingham Town 1 Newcort AFC 1		Stage one: M Syed (GBI bt J Braun (C2) 21- 10, 21-14, 21-15, M Syed (GB) bt T M/lar	and lead a club. West ducks	London, on January 24 to 26. Tickets are available from The	11 Re1 Re8 12 c4 Nf8	limits, where the total prize fund was \$40,000. The score
	a former world junior champi-	Wateroower o.	FIXTURES		and you can ruff a club in	Macallan Box Office (tel: 0181-	13 c5 Qd6	in Varna was two wins each.
	on, has returned to devastat- ing form. He needed just 29	Wingste and Finchley 0 JEWSON LEAGUE: First division: Bury		Stage one: A Hoh (GB) b 1 Stofbal (Is) 21- 11, 21-43, 21-19; L Lomas (GB) b 1 Stance (Yug) 21-15, 10-21, 21-11, 16-21, 21-16, A Broe (GB) b E Henraques (Por) 21-16, 21-9,	hand. However, though you	878 5844].	14 h3 Ng6 15 Nc3 Nh5	with two draws.
	minutes to remove Paul	Town 9 Whitton United 1, Ipswich Wander-	RUGBY LEAGUE Stones Championship	Eroe (GB) bt E Hennques (Por) 21-16, 21-9, 21-8	can get a heart ruff and another club ruff, you are a	□ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in	16 Bvg6 hg6	C Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in
	Blankshy, of Nottingham,	ars 1 Gorleston 1. FRENCH LEAGUE: Auxore 1 Montpeller	Castleford v Bracford (7.30)	TENNIS	trick short when the ace of	Sport and in the Weekend	17 8h2 Bi8 18 Ne5 Qi6	Sport and in the Weekend
	another qualifier, 9-0, 9-1, 9-6, yesterday.	PRENCH LEAGUE: Auxare 1 Montpeller 0. Baste 0 St Eaenne 0. Bordeaux 2 Gungarno D. Lile 0 Caness 2. Lyons 0 Lans 0. Metz 2 Le Heure 1; Pars Sain-Germain 1 Gueugnon 1. Rennes 0 Streatourg 0	NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Pre- mier division: Wigan St Patricks v Leigh Miners Weitare (7 20)	SVDAEV- International averagent Matr		section on Saturday.	19 Re3 Re6	section on Saturday.
	Success against Davis and	O. Metz 2 Le Hevre 1: Parts Service Inan 1 Gueugnon 1, Rannes O Strasbourg 0	Miners Weitare (7 20)	Quarter-Bhals: G Nansswe (Cro) of M	THE REPORT OF THE PARTY			
	again in a probable quarter-	PORTUGUESE CUP: Harn round: PC Porto 0 União Lamas 0 (ael), Elvas 0 Vitóna	FOOTBALL	R Fromberg (Aus) 6-3, 6-2, G Rusedsku	WORD-W	ATCHING	WINNIN	3 MOVE
	final against Paul Johnson, of Kent, tomorrow, should take	Garmanaes 1 Jaeu; Fananse 2 Fallore 2, Estori 1 União Leina 1: Setubel 1	Athione v Moraghan (8.0); Bohemans v	Woodbridge (Aus) bi J Stollarberg (Aus) 6- 3.5-7.6-2 Women: Second round: 8 Date	D. DLU	Howard	Bu Barmand Varna	
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38 SPORT/RADIO

France offer Lacroix controlling interest

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

world after victory over a disappointing England during the final week of the World Cup in June, seek to confirm a novel supremacy over the same opponents with a reshuffled pack in Paris on January 20. They will open the rugby union five nations' championship with Thierry Lacroix at stand-off half and five forward changes from the side that played New Zealand in November.

After sharing the interna-tional series with the All Blacks 1-1 and demonstrating exciting new talent behind the scrum. France will start favourites against England, even though they have not beaten them at the Parc des Princes since 1988.

There is only one newcomer.

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Michel Périe, the Toulon loose-head prop, who displaces Laurent Bénézech. Perié, 26, made a late start to the season after an injury, but has come on in leaps and bounds while Bénézech has struggled for form with Rac-

So, according to reports, has Laurent Cabannes, the experienced open-side flanker, but he returns along with the two other players who, because they chose to stay playing provincial rugby in South Africa until October, were not considered against New Zealand: Olivier Roumat takes his accustomed position at lock and Lacroix his club position of stand-off.

The return of Roumat allows the French selectors to switch Fabien Pelous to No 8;

FRANCE, placed third in the Pelous, 22, made a good first impression against New Zealand in Toulouse and his ballhandling qualifies suggest an ability to play a loose game. Jean-Marc Gonzales, who has demonstrated his fitness in training on the island th Emblez, near Toulon, this week, reclaims the hooking berth from Marc de Rouge mont, while the selection of Lacroix at No to solves a problem for France. The flighty Alain Penaud has not settled into the role, Christophe Devlaud showed too many weaknesses during the World Cup, but Lacroix showed for Natal last summer how to control a game. "Every time I have played at stand-off before, France's reputation has been in danger." Lacroix said. "This time, I am

recognised as the boss of the backs and 111 be happy to play alongside such enthusiastic youngsters." England started their four-

day training camp at Bisham Abbey yesterday with fitness doubts still hanging over Tim Rodber, the back-row replacement, Rodber did not train after knee and ankle injuries sustained last weekend, but it is hoped he will have recov ered by tomorrow.

Ireland's team to play Scotland at Lansdowne Road on January 20 is a vote of confidence in Eric Elwood at standoff half, his experience over the slow-starting Paul Burke earning him a recall. John Gallagher, the former New Zealand full back who

turned to rugby league, takes a step nearer further international honours with selection -at centre - for the Ireland A international with Scotland at Donnybrook on January 19. RIBLAND (V. Scotland): J E Staples (Hadequins, captain): A M. Walkace (Garyowen), J C Bell (Northermotion), K P. McQuildan (Bechwe Rangers), S P. Geoghegian (Bath, E P. Elwood (Larsdonne), C Savorinattio (Sele); N J Devolument), Monacestra, T J. Konstern solet, T J Kingston Lansdowne), C Savainkautta (Sele); N J Popplevell (Neucasio), T J Kingalan (Dopinn), P M Clohessy (Young Mincae), J Bavidson (Dungarmon), G M Fulcher Cost Coretatuoon), N P J Francia (Old Belveders), O Costemy feerfuture Collegel, P S Johns (Dungarmon) Replacements: M J Field (Malans), P A Burte (Cork Coretatuion), N A Hogas fference Coll-egel, W O McBride (Malans), A Clarte

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Broe serves during her straight-sets victory over Henriques in Manchester yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Thoughtful Syed chops and changes

Miller to loop slower and higher, and opening opportunities for some splendid

Syed counter-attacks. Chen Xinhua, the

England coach, was so conspicuous

about imparting this tactical advice to

Syed halfway through the third game

that he was given a yellow card by the

However, Chen's counsel appeared to work and Syed was quick to take

advantage of the possibilities that this

gambles. Miller's errors grew more

frequent and he became increasingly

puzzled by Syed's hits and counter-loops. "I hadn't played against anyone with

such a fast loop as that for some time."

Syed said. "When he switched it from

wing to wing, it was dangerous, but, after

Dutch umpire for illegal coaching.

BY RICHARD EATON

MATTHEW SYED made sure of reaching the second stage of the Olympic qualifying table tennis competition when he scored his third victory in two days, an entertaining 19-21, 21-16, 21-13, 21-14 success against the Swiss champion, Thierry

Miller, in Manchester yesterday. The England No I had to escape from a tense situation at 16-all in the second ploy opened up, regularly luring his opponent into optimistic attacking game, but it was the contrast in styles between Miller's ferocious forehand loop - one of the fastest in Europe - and Syed's mobile and thoughtful defending that made this encounter such a spectade

The turning point came when Syed began to play his chopped backhand defensive strokes a little earlier, forcing a while. I began to read the signs of when he did it and learnt to handle it."

Three English women - Alison Broe, Lisa Lomas and Andrea Holt - also made sure of their places in Atlanta with victories yesterday. Broe, the former English national champion, gained her second and third successes, beating Elsa Henriques, of Portugal, 21-16, 21-9, 21-8. and Armina Makinian, of Armenia, 19-21, 21-13, 21-13, 21-16.

Holt, the England Nu L saved three set points in a critical fourth game to overcome Eldijana Aganovic, of Croatia, 21-17, 21-19, 18-21, 27-25, but Lonas encountered few problems against Rutia Garkuskite. of Lithuania, winning 21-19. 21-12, 21-9.

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RADIO CHOICE Of pleasure

and leisure

Kaleidoscope Peature: Le Weekend. Radio 4, 9.30pm. Unaccountably saddled with a French definite article, Brian Sibley's Unaccountably saddled with a French definite article, Brian Sibley's survey of what we do when we take a rest from work begins and ends with those golden moments when Tony Hancock and Sid Imes bemoaned the joylessness of yet another weekend. The Romans filled their leisure hours with pleasures harmless to them but not always to others. They watched men hacking each other to pieces in the arena. In medieval England, 60 days-off a year was not uncommon. Most were saints' days — hence the holy days that became buildays. In one village, there was a \$00-a-side toothall match. Victorian Sundays were respectably marked by family songs around the parlour plano. were respectably marked by family songs around the parlour plano. How different from 1990s Sundays when we shop until we drop.

Howard Keel Presents Playhouse. Radio 2, 7.00pm.

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Conference clubs make grade | Amarnath weathers the storm

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL, BY WALTER GAMMIE

EIGHT Vauxhall Conference clubs have been confirmed as meeting the "A" ground grading required for promotion to Endsleigh Insurance League. It now remains for any one of Bath City, Dover SGI, funded by football pools companies. offers Conference Athletic, Gateshead, Kettering Town, Kidderminster Harriers. Southport or Woking to take the title and become the first Conference champions to go up since Wycombe Wanderers in 1993.

"I think it's important that somebody goes up to prove the working." Peter system Hunter, the Conference chief executive, said yesterday. notice of substantial projects

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"We've been backed by the to secure their grading by the December 31 deadline this Sports Ground Initiative (SGI). They've put their confiyear. "We are putting pressure dence in the Conference and on those of our clubs that don't we want to respond to it." The meet the criteria that we demand of clubs coming up from the Beazer, Icis and clubs E250,000 over three UniBond leagues by telling Kidderminster Harri-Macclesfield Town, ment and safety work. them to get up to those standards by 1998," Hunter Hednesford Town, with said. "We get criticism that we have got clubs in the Confertheir new Quays Stadium, and Morecambe, who did much work on Christie Park to gain ence that don't meet our criteria level, which I am afraid is true." promotion from the UniBond League, are close to the grading. Three more - Altrincham, Stevenage Borough and

The past two winners of the Conference - Kidderminster, who are fifth, and Macciesfield, the leaders - meet at Slough Town - have given Aggbrough tomorrow.

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ONE game all and honour satisfied. India and Pakistan met for the second time in the World Cricket Masters series here yesterday and provided the closest and most gripping cricket of the tournament so far. India it was who won, by three wickets with five balls to spare in a match shortened by morning rain, and, by doing so, reversed a defeat at the hands of their old rivels in the preliminary games. Generally speaking, the states and the people of Paki-

stan and India get along about as well as oil and water, but the cricketers of the countries seem to rub along pretty well.

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Source: Sig Club of Great Britain L - lower slopes, U - upper

Thus, when India completed their first victory of the tournament, there was only the slightest hint of gritted teeth in the congratulation of their opponents. As though to prove that not even the desert states of the United Arab Emirates are spared the curse of cricketers

everywhere - a visitation from the patron saint of umbrellas. St Pluvius - it rained through part of the morning and caused the match to be reduced to 28 overs a side.

FROM MEL WEBB IN SHARJAH

Pakistan had batted for exactly that long when the second interruption for rain occurred.

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Answers from page J7

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setting India to score 162. India looked to be out of it at 45 for four, but Sandeep Patil came in to give a brief but sparkling display of clean hitting; his 39 in as many balls was the first part of an Indian resurgence. After he had gone, India needed 78 off 12 overs. Led by Amarnath, named man of the match for his undefeated 53, and supported spectacularly by Syed Kir-mani. India had to score only two off the last six bails: they did it in one.

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(c) Smelly perspiration. Osmidrosis means the same thing.

unnecessary superfluity of language for an unpleasant condition, but not one about which it is often necessary to talk. "Do I really have to sit with one of the Jones brothers, mather? What a dilemma - it's like

being caught between Bromi and Osmi. What's that, mum? Oh, just

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Granbaccial 10.00 Musical Encounters, Gabriell (Brauch me Domine; Magnifical); Rodrigo (Conciento de Aranjuez); Ravel (Un Grand Somneil Noir); Brahms (String Sextet No 1 in 8 Bat); Vaughan Williams, an Mathieson (Three Potraits from The England of Elizabeth) Eleabeth) 12.00 Composer of the Week: Mozart. Ediracts from The Magic Flute 1.00pm St David's Hall Recitat Gordon Fergus-Thompson, plano. Fauré (Ballado in F strapp, Barcarolie No 5 in F sharp minor, Noctume No 6 strarp minor; Noctume No 6 in D flat), Debussy (Preludes Tetrassiz des audientes du clair de lune, No 7; Feux d'artitice, No 12; Fauxé (Impromptu No 5 in F sharp minor; Noctume No.13 in B minor)

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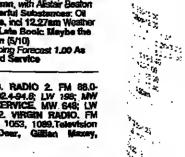
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Inside story of a family's painful dilemma

once met a man who never watched television. The reason was that he worked from 4pm to midnight, and slept till ten. The idea of filling his remaining wak-ing hours — ten oll four watching a box indoors was naturally abhorrent, so he took up rugmaking instead. Life arranged wake, watch television. thus work, go to sleep - looks empty and worthless. When arranged with a subtle difference, however -wake, work, watch television, go to sleep - it really lifts the spirits. I sound petulant and I am. Because for two weeks running, 1 have been unable for behind-thescenes technical reasons to see Thursday's new French and Saunders in ome to write about it. Guaranteed next-day delivery is a phrase that has lost all its former promise, since the "next-day" bit does not come to pass, the "guarantee" is naked cynicism, and

meaning by the shortfall of its friends. Patsy Kensit was to have made an appearance on last night's show. The movie spoof was Braveheart. And yet here I was watching The Vet again (BBC)), consoling myself with pleasant thoughts of the French and Saunders spoof which will one day follow -- Jennifer Saunders with a too-long straw fringe as Jen; Dawn French swinging her arms with al-arming flamboyance as that rolling-gaited little vet-bloke, Chris.

But it is wrong to live your life for spite. Even without French and Saunders, it was not such a bad evening. It was, however, rather horrible in content -- with The Vet concerning bloody rural dog-fights, Inside Story (BBCI) investigating the impossible choices faced by parents of a brain-damaged child, and Traces of Guilt (BBC2) telling the real-life crime story of an Austrian serial killer who strangled his female victims with

their bras and left them naked on forest floors. Ever since I niet the man with the peculiar job-hours. I have applied the same test to an evening's television: would I want to spend a morning watching this? Inside Story and Traces of Guilt were both good programmes. But by the time I got to work. I'd be a bludgeoned wreck, staring blank-ly, and whimpering "Patsy ly, and whimpering "Patsy kensit?" in a regretful, de-moralised kind of way.

The story of the Stewart family, with their brain-damaged child lan, was already known to media-watchers before last night's sympathetic Inside Story. The Stewarts have been vocal about their appalling problem: their two-year-old child requires constant one-to-one attention, he is in perpetual discomfort, he can't see or hear. They rub his legs and cuddle him. "What's the matter, lan?" they ask, with aston-

REVIEW Lynne Truss 1.00 ishing patience. In their nice house

Parents watching the plight of the Stewarts must have been torn in sunny Sidmouth, Ian twirls aimlessly in his baby-bouncer, in all directions - from sympathy to outrage. Night-time stints tendwhile (a bit much, this) How Much ing an inconsolable child are is that Doggo? plays on a music-box. When their story was aired on familiar to everybody: the Stew-arts' special pleading is simply too You Decide, 80 per cent of Jeremy extreme. But how can this couple Paxman's audience agreed that behave on screen, if they wish to when lan started to suffer termiengage our support? If they are nally, euthanasia was the answer. petulant or self-pitying, we withdraw like snails on contact with But of course euthanasia is not available and the strength of last salt. Yet if they are brave and

be life.

night's film was that it showed a complicated issue growing ever more involved. The Stewarts had believed 1an's heart condition was fatal (it was during heart surgery that his brain was damaged). But now a surgeon says another operaoon is possible. A neurologist, shining lights in lan's eyes, detects a small improvement. The moral implication of both these doubleedged opinions is unstated but clear: if there is hope, there must

saintly, we can't see how bad the problem is. They have risked exposure on television — a dangerous game. Given popular prejudices. it doesn't help, either, that they are white South Africans.

S o what did Patsy Kensit do on French and Saunders? Ho hum. BBC2's second Traces of Guilt was again a forensic detective story brilliantly told. It began by suggesting a contrast between murder investigadons in America and Europe -taking similar serial killings of prostitutes in Los Angeles and Vienna - and then, what a turnup, it transpired that the killings in both continents were done by the same bloke! tActually, this conclusion was guessable, but it's some-

times nice to act surprised.) Excitingly, the perpetrator was an Austrian celebrity - rather handsome, debonair. Jeremy Irons will doubtless play him in the film. Imprisoned for murder in 1975. Jack Unterweger had become a fa-mous writer while in prison: or his early parole in 1990 (his release urged by sucker intellectuals) he launched a media career as a rehabilitation success story. But alas, intellectuals are notoriously unreliable in such maners and Unterweger was no sooner through the gates than he embatked on a

spree of killing. As always in true-crime stories. the interest focused on the killer. not the killed. But at least his story had special literary interest. Unterweger was such a classic Ubermensch that he even turned up at police headquarters (in his role of literary bad boy) to interrogate them about the case. He was finally nailed by sophisticated forensic science but I suspect that if prison warders had observed his reading habits ("Nietzsche? Is it good?") they might have saved

BBC1

"delivery" is a word deprived of all

6.00am Business Breakfast (38454) 7.00 BBC Breaktast News (Ceetax) (29037096) 9.10 Kilroy (a) (2173657)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (Ceefax) (4068913) 10.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook lor the culinarity challenged (s) (6310744) 10.30 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s) (19251)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather 16456725) 12.05pm Pebble Mill (9687831) 12.50 Regional News and weather (13399386)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (59102) 1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (64451812) 1.50 Banacek. With George Peppard (2743657) 3.05 Timekeepers (5811541)

3.30 The Littlest Pet Shop (1115812) 3.50 Look Sharpl with Chris Jarvis (a) (2147893) 4.05 The All New Popeye Show (8267218) 4.15 Julia Jekyll and Harriet Hyde (Ceelax) (s) (2979522) 4.30 The Mask (Ceefax) (s) (9176270)

4.55 Newsround Extra. Chris Rogers reports on the children who nde around Dublin on horses (Ceelax) (6112454) 5.10 Blue Peter (Ceelax) (s) (7791454)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceetax) (s) (449580) 8.00 Sbx O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (251) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (831)

7.00 Gagtag. (Ceelax) (s) (1893)

7.30 Tomorrow'a World. Includes a new treatment for

heart attacks (Ceefax) (s) (265) 8.00 Just Good Friends. Cornedy series starring Pau Nicholas and Jan Francis (I). (Ceefax) (6611)

8.30 A Question of Sport. Bill Beaumont and Ally McCoist with Ben Clarke, Karen Pickering, Colin Montgomerie and Steve Stone, answer questions

from David Coleman. (Ceefax) (s) (9676) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and



BBC2 6.00am Business and Work (93840598)

7.00 Breakfast News (Signing and subilities) (6400831) 7.15 Lassie (3531909) 7.40 Teenage Mutant Hero Turties (1) (7688164) 8.05 The Realty Wild Show

(r) (Ceefax) (s) (5631980) 8.35 The Record (a) (9822015) 9.00 The Little Train to Lynton (r) (54218) 9.30 Seabrook's Year (r) 68909) 10.00 Playdays (r) (s) [6319015) 10.25 FILM: And So They Were Married (1844, b/w)

starring Simone Simon and Robert Mitchum A comedy directed by Joe May (5632763)

11.40 The Fugitive (b/w) (1787270) 12.30pm Working Lunch (62725) 1.00 Spot (r) (73472909) 1.05 Johnson and Friends (t) (s) (28213657) 1.15 Hollywood'n Children (r) (1890367)

2.10 Sport On Friday with racing from Ascot at 2.35. 3.05 and 3.35 and skiing from Austria (779693) 4.00 Today's the Day (s) (744) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (928) 5.00 Esther, Mummy's boys (s)

(9299) 5.30 The Village (899021) 5.55 Turning Points with Christopher Lee (s) (746096)

6.00 The Munsters (b/w). (Ceelax) (563229) 6.25 The New Avengers (r). (Ceelax) (480744) 7.15 Electric Circus (682744)

7.30 NEW Sounds of the Eightles, An eight-part series of music from the BBC archives.

(Ceetax) (s) (657) 8.00 Top Gear Motorsport with Tiff Needell and Jeremy Clarkson (I) (8183)



8.30 Gardaning from Scratch. Tips from Helen Yemm on saving a tatly lawn (Ceefax) (s) (7218)

(82589)

9.30 The Fast Show. Cornedy sketches (r). (Ceefax) (s)

CHOICE 999 Special: Operation Coathanger BBCI. 9.30pm (Scotland, 10.20pm) One of the plum news stories of 1995, fantastic if it had

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (4413522) 9.55 London Today (Teletext) (6396164) not happened to be true, made international celebrities of a British woman and the two doctors who saved her 10.00 The Time . . . The Place (s) (1160560) or a Brush woman and the two doctors who saved her life in mid-air. Paula Dixon (played by Sue Scott Davison) was flying back from Hong Kong when she screamed out in pain from a collapsed lung. Shorily before take-off she had changed her flight, a huge piece of luck because her fellow passengers included Professor Angus Wallace, a surgeon and trauma specialist, and Tom Wong, a doctor. Their improvised operation used a wire coat-hanger, a glass of brandy and sticky tape. It is reconstructed in unsparing detail with Divon and the medics adding their memories of a

6.00am GMTV (2977928)

10.35 This Morning (57301270) 12.20pm London Today and weather (Teletext) (6452909) 12.30 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (6759831)

12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (6734522) 1.25 Chain Letters. (Teletext) (s) (32193367)

CARLTON/LWT

1.55 Shortland Street (64456367) 2.20 The Chrystal Rose Show (s) (18169015) 2.50 High Road. (Tele(ext) (4696541)

3.20 ITN News headlines (2348015) 3.25 London Today (Teletext) and weather (2347386)

3.30 Rosie end Jim (s) (2152725) 3.45 Pluto (2140980) 4.00 Zzzapi (2981367) 4.15 Bimble'e Bucket (s) (2560788) 4.40 Gladiators (Teletext) (7853947)

5.10 After 5 with Mary Nightingale (6226096) 5.40 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (561831) 8.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (468675) 6.25 London Tonight (Teletext) (276638)

- 7.00 Family Fortunes. Les Dennis invites the Donnellys from London to take on the Andersons from Hull, (Teletext) (s) (6589)
- 7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (183) 8.00 The Bilk Outer When Boulton thes to prove his



Selina Scott Introduces dramas (6.30pm)

8.30 Eye Spy More real-lifa dramas recorded on security cameras around Britain, presented by Selina Scott (s) (4744)

9.00 Catherine Cookson's The Tide of Life Episode two of theperiod drama (ollowing the lortunes of a young housekeeper at the turn o) the century.

6.35am Think Tank (r) (Teletext) (s) (5040893) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (49725) 9.00 Fifteen To One (r) (Teletext) (s) (49386) 9.30 Stand Still, Be Fit (r) (s) (86305)

10.00 FiLM: Life Begins at 8.30 (1942, b/w). A dissipated has been, Monty Woolley, relies on the devotion of his cappled deughter, Idia Lupino -until a suitor enters her lile, With Comel Wilde Directed by Irving Pichel (95812)

themselves a lot of trouble.

CHANNEL 4

11.30 Living Memory; The 1980s (r) (29522)

12.30pm Sesame Street (71676) 1.30 Camberwick Green (r) (76246218) 1.55 Ballet Robotique (64463657)

2.15 FILM: Halfway House (1944, b/w). A thniler about the supernatural experiences of a number of guests at a remote Welsh inn Starring Glynis Johns and Mervyn Johns, Directed by Basil Dearden (824562)

4.00 Backdate presented by Valerie Singleton (Teletext) (s) (812)

4.30 Countdown (Teletext) (s) (116)

5.00 Cutting Edge: Car Thieves (Teletext) (r) (s) (6102) 8.00 Blossom: You Did What? (r). (Teletext) (s) (589) 6.30 Moviewatch (r). (Telelert) (s) (541)

7.00 Channel 4 News including at 7.30 headlines and weather (394893)

7.55 Book Choice, (Teletext) (s) (644744)



Garden designer Alan Mason (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE Gardens Without Borders (Teletext) (5) (3251)

8.30 Brookside (Teletext) (s) (2386)

9.00 Cybill: How Can I Call You My Ex-Husbands M You Won't Go Away Cybill Shepherd is not entirely convinced she has done the right thing when she lets both her former husbands move in with her. What makes it all worse is that she has to consider doing a nucle scene in a film with Enk Estrada and as not sure if her body is up to it any more. W guest appearances from George Hamilton and the voice of Ellen Greene (Teletext) (s) (3096) 9.30 Rising Damp: The Cocktail Hour. Classic boarding house comedy staming Leonard Rossiter. (Teletext)(77657)



Helen Yemm, centre, and friends (8.30pm)

8.00 Rab C. Nesblit: Starring Gregor Fisher as the Glaswegian philosopher. (Ceetax) (s) (8926)

11.45 Fantasy Football 12.20 The Rocker 1.15 Film: Jobman 11.45 Weather (119980)

documentary on the life of the leader of rock band

Thin Lizzy, who died in 1986, aged 36 (s) (446763)

powerful drama about the fortunes and lack thereof

of deaf and dumb Jobman. Directed by Darrel

11.50 The Rocker: A Portrait of Phil Lynott. A

12.45am FiLM: Jobman (1990) stamng Kevin Smith. A

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enthusiastic Yorkshireman Alan Mason launches as third series about continental approaches to gardening, British garden enthusiasts will be hoping to pick up ideas, though differences in climate mean that many of the specimens highlighted by Mason and Well Cities a burder illustration from Nerfolly. and Will Giles, a botanic illustrator from Norfolk, are unlikely to travel. The obvious exception is the geranium, Spain's favourite plant and a speciality in northern coastal villages. Tonight's programme starts in the Santander region, with one of the country's

Spain and Portugal are the locations as the

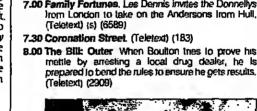
innest the collections, and moves to the Costa Brava, ignoring the tourists in favour a cliff-top botanical garden with the Mediterranean as a backdrop.

with Dixon and the medics adding their memories of a treatment that could just as easily have killed as cured.

Meet Phill Jupitus, a man with an appalling criminal record. It is Robson and Jerome singing I Believe. Thank Bob Monkhouse for that (title gem, as he referees a new series of the show in which teams of comedians try to outquip each other. The idea for Gag Tag is credited to Tracey Macleod, late of BBC2's The Late Show, but the caption competition is a straight lift.

from Have I Got News For You and there are also borrowings from that glorious radio comedy I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue. But if the format is derivative, the gags are fresh and they are delivered by comics such as Jupitus, Billy Pearce and Fred Macaulay whose

relative unfamiliarity makes a welcome change from the usual, over-exposed faces.



Professor Wallace, Sue Scott Davison (9.30pm)

9.30 CHOICE Operation Coathanger — A 999 Special (Ceelax) (s) (548015)

10.20 Small Secrifices. The conclusion of the film adaptation of the true story of mother-of-three Diane Downs, who clams her children were shot by a stranger, but was herself charged with murder and attempted murder With Farrah Fawcett, John Shea and Ryan O'Neal (1) (Cee(ax) (99326589) WALES: 10.20 All Our Lives (441725) 10.50 Small Sacrifices (78528725) 12.25-2.15am Film: Bling Me the Head of Alfredo Garcia (456042)

12.25am FILM: Bring Me the Head of Alfredo Garcia (1874) starring Warren Oales, Gid Young, (sela Vega, Robert Webber, Helmut Dantine and Emiko mandez. The father of an influential Mexican family offers \$1,000,000 for the head of the man who impregnated his daughter. However, a bar owner discovers that the man has already been killed in a car crash and sets off for the grave to chop off the head of the corpse. What follows is a violent analysis of a man's quest for love and meaning in a nightmare world Sam Peckinpah directs. (Ceefax) 12058348) 1.40 Weather (2392435)

10.00 The Real McCoy. Comedy. (Ceefax) (s) (35183) 10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (193909) 11.15 Fantasy Football League. David Baddiel and Frank Skinner are joined by Melvyn Bragg and Alan Davies (s) (272299) WALES: 11.15 Welsh Lobby

Gag Tag

BBC1, 7.00pm (not Scotland)

Gardens Without Borders

Channel 4, 8.00pm

Jo Brand explores domestic violence (Ch4, 10.30pm)

Jo Brand Through the Cakehole Channel 4, 10,30pm

You take Jo Brand or you leave her and if you are a man you have to be prepared to duck. "The main victims of crime," she observes. "are young blokes"pause - "so there's something to be cheerful about." But when she defines road rage as men being idiots in cars rather than anywhere else, it is hard to diasgree. Her attacks on the voyeurism of shows such as Crimewatch and Crime Monthly are similarly on target. Brand's stand-up routine, delivered before what looks like a mainly female audience, is interrupted by sketches. These include a return of the Drudge Squad, a witty spoof on police domestic violence teams, and an all-female amateur dramado society's version of Reservoir Dogs. Peter Waymark

(Teletext) (s) (3725) 10.00 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (39909) 10.30

London Tonight (743541)

10.40 FILM: Overexposed (1990). Thriller based on a true story. A Chicago woman is conned into thinking her husband is unlaithfuit. To get her revenge, she starts an affair with the man who provided the information. By the time she realises she has been tricked, her life and marriage are spiralling out of control. Starring Marcy Walker, Dan Lauria, Terence Knox, Taylor Miller, Directed by Robert Markowitz (Teletext) (s) (74148589)

12.25am Hotel Babylon Guests include Rachel Hunler, Sadie Frost and Spike Lee, with music from Coolio, the Charlatans and the Nightcrawlers (4962684)

1.05 The Good Sex Guide ... Late (2534435) 2.05 The Chart Show (s) (6184058)

3.00 Dear Nick (r) (84597) 4.00 Jones and Jury (r) (18729752)

4.20 Night Shift (Teletext) (49956619)

4.25 Cool Vibes (17816435) 4.35 Not Fade Away (r) (2639042)

5.30 ITN Morning News (29868)

SATELLITE

10.00 Roseanne: Let Them Eat Junk. Wisecracking American comedy senes. (Telelext) (s) (20251)

10.30 DECKT Jo Brand Through the Cakehole: Violence (Teletext) (s) (471299)

11.05 FILM: Who Shot Patakango? (1989) Romantic story set in 1950s Brooklyn Iollows a Romeo and Juliet-style romance between a high school student and an upper-crust college girl — Sandra Bullock in only her second film. Directed by Robert Brooks (939909)

1.05am FILM: He Ran All the Way (1951). Powerful and tense gangster thriller starning John Garfield in his final film. Directed by John Beny. (9390139)

2.25 Green Cop Rocker By day, Chns Byrne is a second-generation lish cop who pairols between 9th and 12th Avenues on New York's West Side. At and play the Uileann pipes in Manhattan's hippest band, Black 47 (r) (s) (7599955) Ends at 3.00

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8.15 Availe on the Wildsde (226638) 9.00 Music Videos (177218) 12,00 Soul (11928) 1.00pm Greatest Hris (20676) 2.00 Music Non-Stop (8781693) 3.15 3 from 1 (3614657)

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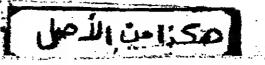
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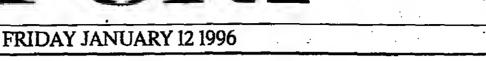
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Robson heads England wanted list as hunt narrows to take what Venables initially



Englishman

THE morning after Terry Venables relationships at Barcelona indicate gave notice to the Football Associthat he may be a free agent at the moment that England needs a new ation that he will give up the coach, England coaching job in June, the In addition, there is no question of serious business of securing a the FA moving old bones with sufficient speed to elect its new successor began. In essence, the FA wants a clone of the incumbent, preferably a Venables Mark II with

chairman before they elect the man who will work for him. Thus Sir Bert Millichip, scheduled to retire at 82 in the same hour that Venables clean hands when it comes to courts. endettas and litigatioo. Listening yesterday to the musings of Graham Kelly, the chief executive and the only senior figure goes voluntarily, will be the key man with the casting vote on the small committee that is now surveyguaranteed to be in position when the changeover takes place, one is ing the field of likely candidates. closer to envisaging the wanted advertisement. It must, it seems, be

 Sir Bert did not attend the press conference announcing Venables's decision — neither, for that matter, "We would hope we have an ideal did Venables - but the old gentlecandidate who is English and has played international football for England," Kelly said. That, at a man. together with Kelly. Noel White and Jimmy Armfield, who is again to be deployed as head-hunter, will be at the heart of the stroke, rules out Howard Wilkinson, Ron Atkinson, Roy Evans ... and Johan Cruyff, whose soured selection process.

Conduity is a priority. The FA.

Rob Hughes believes that realistic contenders to succeed Terry Venables are thin on the ground

those outside the members whom Venables alluded to as being "wobbly" when he needed strong sup-port, is convinced that the Venables methods of training and selection are the way forward. Given that Kelly would like the appointment before the European championship begins and that Lancaster Gate envisions the new man working inside the camp by then. the options narrow dramatically. can give.

There is admiration for the way Venables has thought of the future, for his induction into the coaching team at Bisham Abbey of Bryan Robson, who not only played for England 90 times but was their Captain Marvel, and for Ray Wilkins, who, under Dave Sexton, has

described as football's "major honour". What if either of them felt Venables's decision to build the squad around the fragile Gascoigne was inappropriate? What if Keegan were to prefer Ferdinand, with his coached the under-21s. Apprentices in the managerial game they may extra pace and leaping power, to Shearer? What if either felt Le be, yet their supporters will point to the fact that Franz Beckenbauer led Germany to win the World Cup without having managed at club level. Robson, apparently with an escape clause permitting his release from Middlesbrough should Eng-hand will in therefore the approximate Tissier had not been given a fair chance when his form was the most creative in England? What if they feit that McManaman, one of the young bloods put into the England side by Venables, was wasted by land call, is therefore the new favourite and Venables has already offered him any help or advice he being obliged to patrol the left flank? All legitimate questions, surely. Football is a subjective game, but, if

an outsider were to come in before This notion of the new man working alongside the European effort, has dangerous connotations. Imagine if Kevin Keegan, who appeared to rule himself out yester-Euro 96 and were not to be this clone of Venables, then his views might actually be harmful to the immediate purpose of England doing as well as possible in the day, or Gerry Francis, the two most likely club managers, were invited tournament this summer.

We should all, pleads the FA. get behind Venables in his final months as England saviour. David Davies, the director of public affairs, was making that request inside Lancas-ter Gate on Wednesday, at the very time that Venables was departing by a rear entrance.

RUGBY UNION 38 FRANCE SHUFFLE [®] THE PACK FOR ENGLAND MATCH

His company Jaguar slipped away beneath the electronic gate, the rest of the press photographers surprised and stranded, while his passenger was a journalist from a popular newspaper to whom Venables had revealed his intent even before it was confirmed to his employers.

As I feared, no matter how credible his work with footballers, the England coach has become a divisive figure.

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England draw level in series Hick onslaught paves way for dash to victory

FROM SIMON WILDE IN BLOEMFONTEIN

rica won toss): England beat South Africa by five wickets

ENGLAND'S cricketers lifted themselves out of their trough of despair by successfully chasing a target of 263 to win the second one-day international against South Africa here last night. The win, with nine balls to spare, was their first over the full South Africa side on the tour and the first time they had won batting second under floodlights since the World Cup four years ago.

The England match-winner

BLOEMFONTEIN (South Af- He and his bowlers were under severe pressure after South Africa got away to a

an Englishman.

flying start and they managed to pull the situation round, Graham Thorpe also played an invaluable innings. He shared a partnership of 90 in 17 overs with Atherton and held firm when Ramprakash and Fairbrother were subsequently out in quick succession. Ramprakash had an-other miserable experience, run out brilliantly by Rhodes for only a single after three noughts in succession. Thorpe, who hit the winning

lost the toss, which condemned them to bowling and fielding during the hottest period of the match. This played its part in their descent into raggedness and confusion after DeFreitas and Cork had experienced luckless opening spells, but the main cause was the clean hitting of Snell. With Hudson also in fluent touch, the score was 82 for no wicket when the first 15 overs were complete. A total of 300 looked more probable than

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possible. Martin and White sustained the most severe punishment, Martin's first

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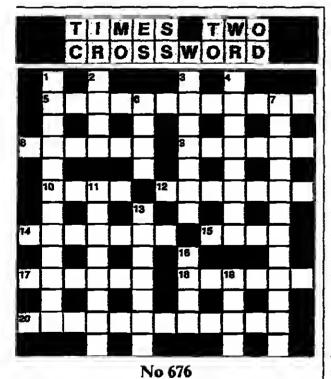
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was Graeme Hick. who set them on the way to their target with a scintillating 55 from 42 balls, having earlier taken two wickets and conceded only 38 runs in his ten overs in conditions that heavily favoured the batsmen.

Once again. England were indebted to Michael Atherton, whose 85 from 110 balls took. them to within 65 of their target and won him the manof-the-match award. He also captained his side in the field more astutely than in losing the first match in Cape Town. early stages. On a day of



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runs and linished with 72 from 85 balls, was helped in the two overs costing 21, White's closing stages by Stewart, who first three 20. dropped down the order. England made another change in stemmed by England's two strategy to play six specialist batsmen at the expense of an all-rounder. Reeve, and the move was vital to the outcome.

England's task was not made easier by floodlight failure during the 24th over of their innings, halting play for 40 minutes, Things could barely have

slow bowlers, Smith, who flighted the ball expertly, and Hick, who broke the opening partnership of 116 in 23 overs by removing Snell for a careerbest 63. Later, he dismissed Hudson, but, by then, McMil-lan had established himseif through some outrageous improvisation. gone worse for England in the

with a strained calf.

worthy recovery.

It was Martin's removal of McMillan for 44 in an accurate spell that set South Africa

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kept the score moving, but a lofted cover drive located Cronje's slogging was so rustic that it was likely to be short-Rhodes. Hick strode to the wicket at lived. When he heaved and missed at a straight ball from 37 for one in the seventh over and calmly proceeded to in-crease his side's scoring rate Cork, it started a collapse that saw five wickets fall in the with a stream of boundaries space of 23 balls. In the end. against Snell, McMillan and South Africa had to be content Donald, whose first three balls with a total of 262 for eight and he struck for fours.

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BY PAT GIBSON

THE cricket world was in a spin yesterday after a Hong Kong-based professor had been called in to decide "once and for all" whether Muttiah Muralitharan, the controversial Sri Lanka off spinner, is a chucker or not.

Muralitharan, who was bora with a bent arm. has been no-balled for throwing 14 times in two matches by two Australian umpires. Dar-

rell Hair and Ross Emerson. yet. in a third match, umpire Terry Prue could not see anything wrong with his action. To complicate the issue further. Emerson even noballed Muralitharan when he switched to bowling leg breaks, which is thought to be physically impossible if the

ball is being thrown. Now Ajith Perera, a former Sri Lankan umpire who successfully lobbied to clear his country's name when they were accused of tampering with the ball during the first Test against Australia at

Muralitharan's action Perth. says that the issue can has aroused controversy categorically whether there is any straightening of the arm just before the ball leaves the hand, which is illegal under the laws of cricket.

The problem with all this is that even the most notorious chuckers in the game's history did not throw every ball. They only did it when they were striving for extra pace. like lan Meckiff, of Australia, who was no-balled for throwing four times in one over and never played first-class cricket again, or when they were extracting the most vicious spin. like Tony Lock, of England, who was horrified to see a film of himself and refined

his action. Are umpires to be equipped with laptops so that they can monitor every delivery? Can contruters be programmed to adjudicate on whether a batsman is out leg-before? Fortunately, it should not

come to that. The International Cricket Council (ICC), the game's ruling body. has turned down Sri Lanka's request for a final ruling on Muralitharan's action be-

cause it would be tantamount to instructing umpires not to no-ball him and so give him licence to do what he likes. "That is not what the game is all about," David Richards

the ICC chief executive, said "We have said that it is the Sri Lankan board's responsibility to make a decision on his future selection and whatever corrective action, if any, is needed. If this kind of testing helps them to make a deci sion, then so be it."

According to the laws: "A ball shall be deemed to have been thrown if, in the opinion of either unpire, the process of straightening the bowling arm, whether it be partial or complete, takes place during that part of the delivery swing which directly precedes the hall leaving the hand. This definition shall not debar a bowler from the use of the wrist in the delivery swing." There is another haw, how

ever, which does not need a computer to unravel it. It says: "The compires shall be the sole judges of fair and unfair play.



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Smith, the England off sp

appeared to have upset Wash-

ington's emergency services, all of whom were bickering

over an apparent inability to

clear the capital's streets of snow. Marion Barry, the Mayor, gained a "sympathet-

ic" response from the Clinton

Administration after declar-

ing a state of emergency and calling for federal assistance in road clearing.

What is becoming known as

the First Blizzard of 96 is

costing eastern states as much

as \$10 billion (£6.4 billion) in

lost production and \$7 billion

in lost sales, according to

estimates issued yesterday by DRI/McGraw Hill. the

Winter may be only weeks

old, but many states reported

that their snow removal bud-

gets for the year were already exhausted. Maryland said the

storm could cost as much as

\$48 million and the clean-up

in New York City is expected to run as high as \$21 million in

Garden State Parkway in New

Jersey, the country's largest

commuter toll road, required

500 workers, 4,900 tonnes of

salt and more than 400 vehi-

cles at a cost of \$2 million. The brief break in the weather did allow rangers in

Shenandoah National Park to

overtime and lost revenues. Shifting drifts from the

economic consultancy.

Blizzard whips

up Washington

shopping frenzy

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON WASHINGTON returned to a latest weather forecast also

semblance of normality yes-

terday for the first time in four

weeks as federal workers went back to their offices and the

deepest snowdrifts started to

But beneath this vencer, chaos continued to reign in the

American capital and any

celebration among its worka-

holic population was short-lived as the National Weather

Service predicted another bliz-

zard and more heavy snow

last night. The shutdown, caused by the budget impasse

and then the storm, may be in

A stampede for the shops

had started earlier, with re-

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markets throughout the city

after snowbound Washing-

ionians went in search of food

The usually polite and or-

derly check-out queues be-came scenes of unseemly

disputes and some shoppers

said they had gone home

empty-handed. "Not in my 21 years working here have I seen anything resembling this," said Rick

Makely, manager of the Giant

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Clintons 'facing bankruptcy' over huge legal bills int narro

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT and Mrs Clinton's huge legal costs have put them "on a collision course with bankruptcy", a leading American financial publica-

tion reported yesterday. The Clintons have so far run up more than \$2.1 million (£1.36 million) in lawyers' bills while fighting Whitewater charges and the Paula Jones sexual harassment case, said Money magazine. However, their legal de-

fence fund - which cannot actively solicit contributions has raised only about \$865,000, and their net worth of nearly \$700,000 in 1992 was now nearly zero. Were it not for the defence fund and the forbearance of their \$400-an-

THE truth according to Hilla-

ry Clinton is one of soft-focus

motherhood, of breastfeeding

and schooling, religious ser-

vice and family values. In

short, the book obscured by

the latest round of White-

water allegations offers a self-

portrait markedly at odds with the image of a First Lady

branded a congenital liar. She reminisces fondly

about her grandfather's anec-

dotes of childhood among the

lace mills of Co Durham, provides a charming vignette of a two-year-old Chelsea

biting her inattentive father

on the nose, explains how the couple visited a fertility clinic

in their impatience to have a

child and even intimates how

close they have come to

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Hillary Clintoo who hid de-

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Guaranty, the bank at the

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dal, the woman accused of lying to federal investigators

or the First Lady involved in the firing of White House

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By TOM RHOOES

hour lawyers, "the First Family could be broke already", the magazine concluded.

from 59 to 47 per cent in a "The legal bills are killing them." said one presidential adviser but the week, and respondents, by 49 to 29 per cent, believed she participated in a Whitewater adviser, but the magazine did note that the Clintons would have great earning power after leaving office. Mr Chinton was last night

hopes will divert attention from the controversies pres-ently engulfing Mrs Clinton. A new CBS television poll

America's bookshelves yester-

day, had been designed to

counterbalance an image as

bot-tempered harridan and

prepare the way for her bus-

hand's re-election. Mrs Clinton is unlikely to view a

daughter.

cover-up. Analysts suggested she was becoming a liability to her husband as he embarks on his re-election campaign. The Senate Whitewater committee was yesterday grill-

cans who regard the First Lady favourably had dropped

ing one of her former col-leagues ar Little Rock's Rose Law Firm in a bid to resolve conflicting accounts of how much work she did for the corrupt bank at the heart of the Whitewater affair whose owner was the Clintons' business parmer.

not she but the colleague, Richard Massey, who secured the bank as a client, but Mr Massey told the televised hearings he could not recall

documents surfaced to bolster an assertion by David Watkins, a former White House aide, that Mrs Clinton personally ordered the unwarranted sacking of the seven-mao travel office in 1993. This directly contradicted her claim that she had no role

ed a chronology of events prepared by Thomas "Mack" McLarty, then White House Chief of Staff, "May 16-HRC pressure," he wrote three days before the dismissals.

fortbcoming book tour through the moral heartland of America with much relish. Each story reveals not an ambitious lawyer wishing to crown herself effectively as Vice-President, but an engag-ing, level-headed woman who has spent a lifetime focusing on the needs of children, in particular those of ber

"I have spent much of the past 25 years working to improve the lives of children." she writes. "But no experience brought home the lesson as vividly as becoming a mother myself. When Chelsea Victoria Clinton lay in my arms



Trent Strader, 40, gestures towards his lawyer during a hearing in a Las Vegas court, where he was charged with the murder of a British tourist. James Smith. 69, of Prestwick, Ayrshire, was stabbed to death in the main street last week

Armed robber 'runs phone con trick' from US jail

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

A PRISON inmate in New York blew officials a spectacular "Bronx cheer" (raspherry) by allegedly using a jail telephone to run a confidence trick.

Raymond Sanabria, 31, an armed robber, used a public telephone at Rikers Island jail. Telephones are provided for inmates to talk to relations and lawyers, but Sanabria is accused of dialling random numbers instead. Posing as a policeman, he apparently told whoever answered that a family member had been arrested and that bail should be posted at once, Victims of the sting were instructed to wire money to a Western Union office where an accomplice was waiting, say prosecutors. The confidence trick, conducted over several months, brought in \$23,000 (£14,900).

rescue three men and their fruit. Even the ordered food halls children from a cabin buried of the "social" Safeway in under snow. It had taken them middle-class Georgetown retwo days by snowplough to sembled a go-kart track as reach the six. residents, frustrated by being Last night, weathermen confined to their homes and were forecasting a major the inability to shop for grocerstorm early next week that ies, careered their shopping could again close airports in trolleys around the aisles. The the region.

> sting, to be added to the 25 years he may receive for armed robbery when he is sentenced.

Vreka: A Californian woman who pleaded guilty to setting brush fires in July to create work for her firefighter

son was sentenced to 120 days in jail. Judge Roger Kosel also sentenced Charmian Glassman, 60, of Mount Shasta to five years' probation and ordered her to pay restitution to the California Department of Forestry and the US Forest Service, (AP)

reparing to defend his embattled wife ar his first fullscale White House press conference since last August. Tonight, he flies to Bosnia for a high-profile visit to US troops that the White House

showed the number of Ameri-Mrs Clinton has said it was First Lady tries to

the precise circumstances. turn over new leaf At the same time, new And Other Lessons Children Teach Us, named after an African proverb and the first volume from the pen of Mrs Clinton which arrived on

The new documents includ-

Six of the travel office employees were later exonerated and reinstated. The seventh, Billy Dale, lost his job and spent \$500,000 on legal fees before a jury took less than two bours to acquit him of embezzlement. Republicans say the episode destroys Mr Clinton's claim to be the champion of ordinary Americans who work hard and play

by the rules. In an interview being broadcast tonight. Mrs Clinton puts on a brave face. "Occasionally I get a little distressed, a little sad, a little angry, irritated," she says. "That's only natural; But I know that's part of the.

territory and we'll keep ploughing through and trying to get to the end of this." for the first time, I was overwhelmed by the love and responsibility I felt for her."

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accused had missed his vocation as a telesales executive. Sanabria's silken patter also had an impact on his personal life: one of his potential victims was a husky-voiced young woman with whom Sanabria conducted a telephonic romance. They wed recently in the Rikers Island chapel. Sanabria, accused of grand larceny and criminal impersonation, faces a

Robert Morgenthau, the Manhattan District Attorney, said that Sanabria was astonishingly plausible, so fluent maximum sentence of 80 years for the

"he could have been a successful trial lawyer". A police witness said the



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Patten challenges Peking to set up democratic council

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG AND JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING rive Council in 1997 was not

CHRIS PATTEN, Hong Kong's Governor, yesterday challenged Peking not to establish a "counterfeit" Legislative Council here and vowed to continue to call for democracy and the rule of law.

Earlier. British officials in Peking had enthused about an improvement in Sino-Brifish relations after three days of talks between Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, and Chinese ministers. It was difficult to see, however, what

had been achieved. Despite the high hopes raised by Mr Rifkind's first visit to China, and the gloss he put on his meetings with Li Peng, the Prime Minister, and Qian Qichen, the Foreign Minister, it was clear last night that linle progress had been made on the two main points at issue: the retention of the Legislative Council after the transfer of sovereignty in June 1997, and a greater role for Mr Panen.

The point was reinforced yesterday when Mr Qian said that abolition of the Legisla-

negotiable. Mr Patten, meanwhile, speaking on Hong Kong's government radio station, questioned whether Peking intended to set up a fairly elected legislative body or "a cardboard cut-out, or a counterfeit"

The remark will outrage Peking, which describes Mr spect that autonomy." Patten's constitutional changes, including the elected council, as a violation of British-Chinese agreements on the political structure of the colony in the run-up to 1997. Peking says it will establish a "provisional council" on July 1, 1997, and hold elections for a substitute body at a later date. that matter". On the question of raising important issues. Mr Patten said: "I will continue to speak

President George Bush has called for a new dialogue with up for the rule of law and freedom of speech." He said he China, Talking in Hong Kong after meeting Chinese leaders intended, courteously, to conin Peking, he warned against tinue to debate political mat-American isolationism as Chiters with the Chinese, insisting na develops into a world power. (AFP) that acquiescence would mean "breaking promises to the people of Hong Kong".

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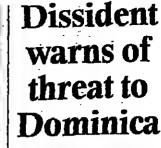
After what Mr Rikfind lescribed as a "substantive" 70-minute meeting with President Jiang Zemin - 30 minutes longer than scheduled he told reporters: "I was pleased to hear him give repeated emphasis to the importance China attached for the autonomy of Hong Kong and its determination to re-Asked about the Legislative Council, Mr Rifkind said: That position has not changed ... I believe it would be of considerable damage to confidence in Hong Kong if the council was dismaniled and the second and we hope the Chinese Government will reflect on Bush plea: The former US

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The shuttle Endeavour streaks skyward yesterday from the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida, leaving the city of Cocoa Beach on the right. A crew of six will undertake a nine-day satellite retrieval and scientific mission

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BY MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE Saudi dissident, Dr Muhammad al-Masari, facing deportation from Britain, gave a warning yesterday that his arrival in Dominica would endanger safety on the Caribbean island.

Speaking shortly after handing in his appeal papers contesting the order by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary. Dr Masari said he fully agreed with Rosi Douglas, the opposition leader in Dominica. that his presence on the island would be a threat to its safety. He said Dominica had only 300 police, who could not stop a mercenary force of 50 to 60 people who might be sent to eliminate him.

"The country is simply too small." Dr Masari said. He had discussed the issue with Mr Douglas during his visit to Britain on Tuesday and noted that the opposition would move a vote of no-confidence in the island's Government. Dr Masari, an Islamic activist, also denied a report in today's Jewish Chronicle that he had links with an Islamic group in Britain which had threatened Jewish students.

Socialists take on Tokyo's poisoned finance chalice

FROM GWEN ROBINSON IN TOKYO

JAPAN announced a conservative-dominated Cabinet yesterday under Ryutaro Hashi-moto, the new Prime Minister, with key posts for the Liberal Democratic Party and finance going to the Socialists.

The post of Finance Minister has always been regarded party. as one of the most powerful positions. However, recent fi-nancial scandals and prob-lems, including a government plan to use nearly 700 billion yea (E4 billion) in taxpayers' money to liquidate financially troubled housing loan, firms, has taken the lustre off the portiolio.

Mr Hashimoto is known to have offered the post to nu-merous senior LDP politi-

The strategic block of parlia-mentary votes held by the Socialists ensured the party a strong representation in the previous coalition administration. The portfolios of finance and defence were regarded as too sensitive to be given to the

Wataru Kubo, the secretary-general of the Socialist Party, agreed to take the finance post, reportedly on the basis that he will also serve as Deputy Prime Minister.

Mr Hashimoto appointed Yukihiko Ikeda, a former Defence Minister and LDP colleague, as Foreign Minister. Mr Ikeda will have to face the

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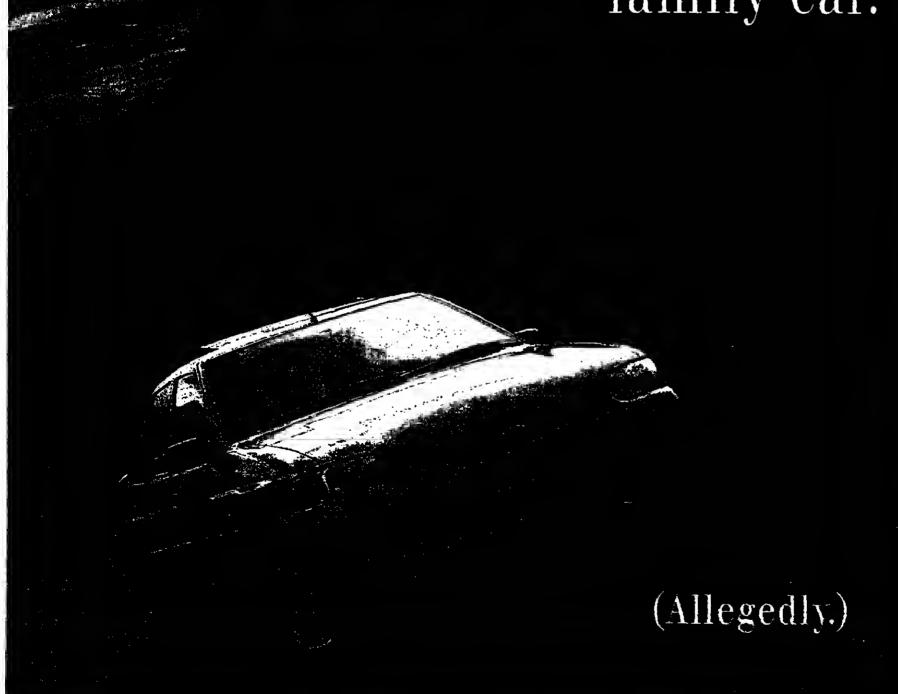
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At first glance the Cabaret would seem to be the ideal choice for all those family outings. What with central double locking, electric front windows and an anti-theft alarm it's certainly not lacking in refinement. But look a little closer. The wheels are five spoke alloys! Then there's

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engine. Although we've a choice of 14i or 18 Turbo diesel if you prefer.

But with an on the road price" of £12,200 (a mere £11,600 for the 1.4i), this sporty edition could be the most sensible family car you're ever likely to buy.

difficult task of handling Ja-pan's relations with the Uni-ted States, amid growing tians, but they all turned it opposition from the southern down. The Liberal Democrats . have taken on the key posts of island of Okinawa to the home affairs and defence. presence of US military bases.

Hashimoto victory seals tilt to Right

BY PAUL CARTER

THE election of Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Liberal Democratic Party leader, as the Prime Minister of Japan consolidates the success of rightwing forces. With the main opposition

New Frontier Party led by Ichiro Ozawa, a former LDP strongman, the political situa-tion is akin to having Michael Portillo and John Redwood in charge of the two main parties in Britain.

This renewed entrench-ment of the Right is extraordinary for, after the general election of July 1993, the 38-year period of continuous LDP rule ended and power was assumed by an eightparty coalition intent on changing the direction of poli-ties and breaking what had become one-party dominated rule. What went wrong?

Part of the answer lies with the split in the LDP which precipitated the 1993 election, prompted by the younger members' impatience with the septusgenarians who ran the party. It was Mr Ozawa who passionately argued the need for change and initiated what became known as the futsu no kuni or "normal country" debate. To Mr Ozawa, "normal country" equates with one which can defend itself independently.

The strong-arm factics and backroom defection deals of Mr Ozawa eventually led to the formation of the 170member New Frontier Party which last year proved its ability as a credible fighting force when it won 54 of the 84 seals on offer in the Upper House elections. Since 1993 the Socialists have been bounced between coalitions like a political football, eventually forming an unusual alliance with the LDP under the temporary caretaker prime ministership of Tomiichi Murayama During this time, to make their marriage to the LDP work and in the hope of engaging the electorate's trust, the Socialists recanted all of their key policies. After the resignation ersity of Cambridge.



Hashimoto: wants seat

on the Security Council of Mr Moravama and the

sidelining of the Socialists, the Right has again reassert-ed itself in government under Mr Hashimoto. Moreover, now the leader-

ship of the two main parties has skipped a generation, Japanese politics is faced with the relatively youthful Mr Hashimoto, aged 58, and Mr Otawa, 53. The desire for change which led to the initial split of the LDP is still apparent, with both leaders being vocal in their support for Japan's claim of perma-uent membership of the United Nations Security Council. and both arguing for constitu-

tional change. With the Socialists sidelined a political scenario has arisen where two conservative parties vie for power. Mr Ozawa and the Right have clearly won the "normal country" debate. Whether this result was screndipitous or sheer Machiavellianism on the part of Mr Ozawa, the emergence of two main conservative parties and the expectation of high Socialist Party losses in the next election does raise fears about the legitimacy of a democracy whose opposition and governing party is represented by a conservative block with few if any balancing factors. Paul Carter researches Japanese politics at the Centre for International Studies, Univ-

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FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

FRESH proof of trouble in the German economy yesterday increased a wave of pessimism that has spread this week through continental capitals over the prospects for achieving the launch of a single

European currency. Fears that Germany, the anchor of the planned curren-cy, could fail to meet the conditions for entry in the economic and monetary union (EMU) sharpened with its report of a meagre 1.9 per cent growth last year and predictions by economists that worse would come this year.

Most embarrassing for Germany was the confirmation that it failed last year to live up to the Maastricht ceiling on budget deficits. Its shortfall was 3.6 per cent of gross domestic product, compared with a 3 per cent limit in the "Maastricht criteria".

Dini: faced defeat

in parliament

Italian

leader

resigns

again

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS

IN ROME

LAMBERTO DINI, the

Prime Minister of Italy, yes-

terday offered his resignation

to President Scalfaro for the

second time in a fortnight,

deepening the political crisis

Signor Dini announced his

decision at the end of a threeday debate in the lower house

of parliament on the future of

marring the country's E

pean Union presidency.

On Monday, France re-duced its official growth forecasts in the face of a

ministries, where officials A European Commission survey shows that 65 per cent of Britons believe the pound will be replaced by the euro early next century. Monetary union is backed by 38 per cent and opposed by 55 per cent. The public were far less Euro-sceptical than their Government.

slowdown, while some experts wrote off French hopes of meeting the "Maastricht crite-ria", the strict terms which must be achieved next year to qualify for EMU entry. "It is now certain that France will not be ready." Libération, the pro-European Paris daily "Barring a miracle, the plan for passage to the single

currency ... will not work." Evidence of the downturn in France and Germany is heightening anxiety in the European Commission and

have been striving to keep up the confident front adopted in Madrid last month when European Union leaders baptised the euro currency and fixed the timetable for the EMU launch on January I. 1999. It is becoming more likely that leaders will soon have to breach the taboo they imposed on themselves and review opdons for a delay beyond 1999.

Privately, even officials in federalist states acknowledge that a delay of a couple of years would relieve the pressure building everywhere, except in Luxembourg, as a result of the rush to the EMU deadline.

Supporters of the single currency could extract comfort from the publication yesterday of the Commission's annual survey of public opinion. This found that support for the EU had stopped falling over the past couple of years.



Russian soldiers move artillery up to the village of Pervomaiskoye yesterday as Chechen guerrillas threatened to start killing their hostages **Russian police escape from Chechen captors**

FROM CARLOTTA GALL NEAR PERVOMALSKOYE

FOUR Russian special forces officers escaped last night from the village where they were among more than 100 hostages being held captive by Chechen guerrillas, Tass news agency reported

Quoting the Russian Interior Minis-

make it back to the lines of Russian troops encircling Pervomaiskoye. The police, all members of Omon special forces, were among 37 seized by the guerrillas who were making their way back to Chechenia in buses after raiding the neighbouring town of Kizlyar, Earlier yesterday, a column of armoured personnel carriers and

try, it said that the four managed to lorries moved towards the Dagestan village where the fighters and their captives have been halted. The Chechen fighters threatened to start shooting captives if the heavy armour went closer than 100 yards. Towards evening they and the hostages were dispersed among different houses. It emerged during the day that the Chechens were holding about 100

people from the village. Moscow security experts said the Russians were probably preparing to storm the buses. Casualties from three days of the crisis stand at more than 20 dead.

The Chechen rebel President, Gener-Dzhokhar Dudayev, said that the al hostage seizure could be the start of a terror campaign inside Russian territory.



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his Government of techno-crats. He previously offered his resignation to President Scalfaro on December 30. fulfilling a promise he made to parliament last year.

The President refused to accept it and sent him back to partiament to see if he could secure a majority to carry on. But in the debate in the lower house, both the Centre-Right and extreme Left parties

vowed to support a motion of no-confidence. Signor Dini evidently preferred to resign to avoid a humiliating defeat. "The technical government

said. Paul Adams, of the Financial Times, had been detained for a week. (Reuter) Force allowed Jerusalem: Israel's High Court of Justice decided to allow interrogators to use force against a Palestinian suspected of involvement in a

murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault, according

to a private survey. (Reuter)

Journalist freed Lagos: Nigeria has freed on

bail a British journalist after charging him with possessing

seditious material, diplomats

over which I have presided has exhausted its duties," Signor Dini said to applause

bombing last year that killed 21 Israelis. (Reuter) Angler bitten

from MPs. "Now a new phase of political life can begin." The public RAI television said the President might again refuse his offer of resignation and give Signor Dini an "exploratory mandate" to see whether he can form a new government.

Konakovo, Russia: When an angler celebrated catching a 28 in pike by giving it a kiss, it bit back. Its jaws stayed tightly locked on his nose, even after friends cut off its head, until doctors removed it. (AP)

Serb leaders speed Sarajevo exodus

FROM STACY SULLIVAN IN SARAJEVO

SEPARATIST Bosnian Serbs. whose leadership has been threatening an exodus from Serb-held areas around Sarajevo, stepped up the pace of their departure yesterday. moving out their belongings. digging up relatives' remains and scorching the earth behind them.

On a hill above Grbavica from which Serb forces shelled the Bosnian capital, flames ripped through six homes that had been aban-doned because of their prox-imity to the front line. "We weren't living there, but it's bener that no one should have the house, no Muslim will get it." said Dragan, a Serb with a wife and baby.

In nearby Ilidza, the family of Obrad Popadic, the former commander of the hardline llidza brigade killed in May 1994, exhumed his remains. The fallen commander's wife

the rotted coffin was raised from the earth and placed in a tin box. "His body is going to go, but his spirit will stay here," said Igor Mijetovic, the commander's 28-year-old cousin. "We

stood wailing against a tree as

are leaving to go to Visegrad or Zvornik or somewhere in eastern Bosnia." Roads leading out of the suburbs — Ilidza, Grbavica, Ilijas, Vogosca and Hadzici are jammed with lorries brim ming with household appli-ances and furniture. Cars are packed to the brim, with solas and chairs tied to their roofs. A feeling of hysteria, fuelled by propaganda from the embittered Bosnian Serb leader-

ship in Pale, has taken hold across the five Serb-held suburbs due to revert to Bosnian government control under the terms of the Dayton peace accord.







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Biographer Sarah Bradford hopes she's got into the Queen's mind THE VALERIE The Queen doesn't think of GROVE **INTERVIEW** herself as 'winning hearts'

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arah Bradford, alias Viscountess Bangor, publishes her new biography of the Queen in celebration of Her Majesty's seventicth birthday this spring. Forty years ago, as Sarah Malet Hayes, aged 17, she curtaied before the young Queen Elizabeth as one of the last debutanies, "filing past wearing a beige, grosgrain dress with guipure lace, long white gloves and an awful har".

Now she is a grandmother a tall, handsome woman of 57 with a patrician voice and an agreeable lendency to find things hilarious - "I laugh at almost everything, don't you? Doesn't one?" she says supporter of Liverpool FC and author of five thorough, highly respected biographies on a

variety of characterful subjects: Cesare Borgia. Benjamin Disraeli. Sacheverell Sitwell. Princess Grace of Monaco and George VI.

The George VI book (a portrait of the late King which is lucid, convincing and admirably fair" --Philip Ziegler | went down very well with Her Majesty: a great help when undertaking this book. "The Queen doesn't read books much, except about the horses: but she kept George VI on a table by her desk, and, I'm told, didn't find апу mistakes." She was born in

Bournemouth -- "so dull" - in the bridgeplaying set, "Father was a regular soldier. very clever, a great reader.

introduced me to books; my mother's family were thick as planks. That side didn't expect me to do anything except marry someone with money and a title, with luck."

She achieved the title by marrying in 1976 her second hushand, William Ward, now Viscount Bangor, whose parents ran the Portobello Road

Here she wrote her first book, The Englishmon's Wine. in 1969, still regarded as the standard work on port. "There was a terrific hoo-ha over a woman writing about port. I was like Dr Johnson's woman preacher She was photographed in a glamorous Rive Gauche trouser suit, her hair in a beehive.

Then George Weidenfeld "butterfly-netted" her while she was staying with Ronald and Marietta Tree at their Tuscan villa, and a new career

as a biographer began. But it is one thing to spend weeks in university libraries in Austin, Boston or Tucson - "1 adore archives and papers"to discover, for instance, the late Sachie Sitwell's confessions of affairs in his diaries.

or scandals erupt. Everything then seemed tickety-boo. "So much so that when I began, people would react as they did when I was writing George VI: 'Goodness, how dull.' But I was fascinated by it all - to find out how this incredibly important woman operates. what she's really like, how she

thinks, the whole upstairsdownstairs thing. After George VI is seemed familiar ground, and I did get rather bitten by it.

"It isn't an everyday world in any way. The royals have their own role models, who tend to be their predecessors. The Queen inherited the dutiful, dignified mien of Queen Victoria, whose vow was " will be good." Even as a small



Oueen was Mary who decreed that royal ladies not smile. should Too awful! Smiling!" she would comment if a regal smile were captured on camera. Hence her own severe mask, "I think the Oueen Mother changed all that. She has a smiling sort of face, while the Oueen, on some days, seems to be fixed in her Miss

Her book is crammed with

enthralling documentation:

the Oueen's letters to her uncle

the Duke of Windsor, her

invitations to him (minus Wal-

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The Queen: "She doesn't court popularity" Piggy mode."

Or to be told, of Princess Grace - "my teenage idol, the ice maiden" - by a producer friend at a party: "Do find out which of her leading men she didn't sleep with." It is quite another to have to

Houghton's radical and farrely chiefly on the unpublished testimony of the royals' sighted 1972 Select Committee friends - and with your report on the Civil List subject very much alive. By far highly critical of royal family the most enthralling hints, in members who did not justify her notes on sources and their cost — which, had it been



antique shop called Trad. Lord Bangor operates his antiquarian bookselling business from home, hence the chill in the upper rooms of their small house at World's End, with its tiny garden where a nightingale sings at midnight.

While reading history at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, she met her first husband and went off with him to Sardinia. Barbados ("a long way from Bournemouth") and the wild Douro Valley in Portugal.

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acted upon at the time, might acknowledgements, are the words "private diaries", "private, unpublished memoir" and "private information". In the Queen's circle, she found, people make a frightul fuss about confidentiality, but will agree to talk if it is strictly confined to something like the fertility rates of the Queen's

She embarked on the book in 1990 before the junior royal marriages began to dismantle

have quelled the later fury over her immunity from tax. here is the sad story of Crawfie, much of it from the Beaverbrook archive in the House of Lords, including the heart-

less letters from the Sunday Express editor John Gordon. The Express papers were obsessed with royalty, although Beaverbrook wasn't keen on the Royal Family, and

they weren't keen on him cither. He had a real vendetta against Mountbatten." Her Majesty's alleged disaffection with Mrs Thatcher,

which caused such a fuss when leaked in The Sunday Times, was, Sarah Bradford found, well sourced. "Well, they don't like opening hospital wards and then having them shut, and Mrs Thatcher certainly was that woman'. They can't have had a single thing in common. The Queen would have approved of Thatcher's patriotism, but then she's very conservative with a small c. She is apolitical like her father, but gets on better with Labour prime min-

P.G. Wodenouse says.

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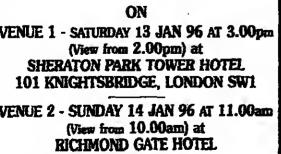
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own initiative, she wasn't brought up royal she's like a social lady of her time and class, which the Queen is not." isters than with the Tory ones. She's very intuitive, very bright on politics." Since Robert Lacey's Majes-

Gathered in one volume, the ty book, 19 years ago, writing about royal lives has become remorseless scream of family disasters in recent years, the galloping divorces. the mped commonplace, and an increasingly intrusive spotlight has telephone conversations with been turned on them. To write lovers - "what Julian Barnes with both authority and dis-cretion remains tricky. called 'the secual and marital tomfociery of the Queen's whelps" - the scandals sur-Rebecca West said that the rounding embarrassing new monarchy is "a presentation of in-laws such as Major Ronald ourselves behaving well" but. as Ms Bradford says, when Ferguson, the rumblings over the Queen tried to preserve some kind of "normal" life for paying taxes, the horrors of IRA madmen creating mayher children, they began to hem, such things might overbehave just like their contemwheim a lesser woman. And it poraries, and in some ways could not have happened to a worse. So the overall picture of more upright person. But Her royal family life is not edify-Majesty stands aloof from it ing: outsiders in the family get all, a still, small, imperturbseverely tested or frozen out. able voice, carrying on. Only There is, Ms Bradlord says, a in her annus horribilis speech. naivety about the family's delivered with a neavy cold, did she come near to expresssocialising: they end up mak-

ing terrible connections with ing dismay. appalling people, "blinkered Prince Charles, in Ms Bradgentry living in Hampshire ford's view, is "obviously a sweet, goodnatured person, that's their reality. They make marriages out of propinquity. not as clever as he thinks he is. You only have to live next to who has been spoiled by his them in Norfolk, Nothing entourage and undermined by propinks like propinquity, as his parents". Princess Margaret is colstered by the Queen's support: "She understood the The smallness of the royal circle of friends is very strikwilfulness, which was really ing. They have to get others to draw up lists of suitable people the futile beatings of wings

against the wall. to be invited to their bigger Margaret has had a had parties. The Queen Mother is press as a spoilt, difficult. rather different: she takes her demanding woman," says Ms

Bradford. -But she does have the most intelligent ladies-inwaiting, and that says a good deal for her, doesn't it? "Not being allowed to marry Townsend - which might not have been a successful mar-

riage in the end - and not being given a job all had a deleterious effect on her character really."

nd so to the Queen's own marriage. Ms Bradford reasons: "How can you write in this day and age without discussing her marriage? Maybe one shouldn't. But to me it is valid. I did say to an old friend of hers, look: how should I handle it?". and he said. Well, all I can say is, if he has been unfaithful, it hasn't made any difference.' That's the key thing really."

Did she find herself treading in the tiny questing footsteps of Kitty Kelly? "No, because I think with her people really closed ranks. I gather.

In Edward VII's day the whole point was not to divorce. A woman might expect a man to go messing about but not to treat her badly. Edward was extremely nice to Queen Alexandra, despite Mrs Keppel and Lillie Languy, You treated your wife all the better if you were having an alfair.

And she concludes: "Despite the fact that, as friends admit.

'he is a difficult man and the Queen finds him difficult', she adores him and defers to him. which seems all the more strange to observers in that everyone else defers to her." She hopes she has managed

to get inside the Queen's mind: That's the whole point of being a biographer, to know why they think as they do. I do admire her very much - even though I don't go racing, I am not interested in horses, and I can't say we are the same sort of person." Her original conclusion had been that the Queen might be criticised for not interfering enough in her family's problems - "She cannot behave like Queen Victoria did with her children. Princess Anne would never marry the person of her mother's choice."

But, having finished the book last August, she has

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glad she has acted. It is her job to look after the monarchy. I'm

into the family they have to learn to wave and smile because people like it. The Queen doesn't think that way. do the job. She does not court popularity. She does her duty. She is fascinated by people outside, and wants to know what's going on, but doesn't think of herself as winning hearts'. That's not her happen sooner or later. I am

thing."

Surah Bradford, biographer of George VI and the Queen, says. "I was fascinated by how this incredibly important woman operates, how she thinks"

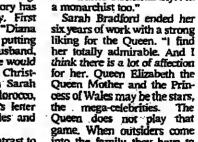
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found, as other royal historians such as Elizabeth Long-ford found, that the story has changed almost daily. First came Panorama -- "Diana came Panorama - "Diana setting out her stall, putting the blame on her husband, letting it be known she would

not go quietly." And in Christmas week, just when Sarah was packing to go to Morocco, there was the Queen's letter suggesting that Charles and Diana divorce. This is in direct contrast to

what the Palace had told me: that the Queen will not get involved'. I think she was saying that Charles was not fit to be a king. And her refusing to go to Sandringham was the final straw. Although the Oveen doesn't want to take sides, in the end the monarchy comes first. Divorce has to.

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the official's desk. I asked him to

look me up, hoping against hope l was in it. He smiled in disbelief but I insisted that he look up the name

in my passport, and there I was

Suddenly, there was a reception

A groupie, has an entry for the first time this year. "Will critics treat me with a bit more respect

now? I doubt it," he says. "It is kind

of flanering, but it is a terribly

snobby list. It is full of aristocrats

age right in future."

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How much prestige is there in being in Who's Who? Julia Llewellyn Smith and Giles Coren find out from the great and the good

Who's in and who wanted out

be asked. Lenny Henry and Gary Lineker were thrilled to accept. And Terry Venables was probably comforted to know that, whatever the England fans may think, Who's Who 1996 considered him a winner.

Few people turn down an invitation to appear in the big, red book. There are 30,000 entries in the new Who's Who, each selected by a secret committee whose criteria are as mysterious as their identities.

However, not everyone is flattered to be approached. "For some reason, far more women than men never return their entry forms." says a Who's Who spokeswoman. "Most won't give their reasons, but a few will say. 'Oh no! I'm not important enough"." Women are not the only wallflowers. Other refuseniks include Tiny Rowland and Mick Jagger, who has been

sulking ever since the 1960s when the Rolling Stones were in the first

flush of their fame and asked their agent to demand an entry. "Good heavens, no!" was the reply. "Who knows, they might be barrow boys next week." Later that day the agent sent round a barrow full of flowers. When Mick Jagger was sent an invitation in 1986, he declined. When the first remodelled

Who's Who appeared in 1897, everyone accepted the invitation for entry that year except for Joseph Chamberlain and Lord Salisbury. W.S. Gilbert at first declined to supply his details but

when the editor submitted for his approval an entry that read "W.S. Gilbert, journalist, writer of the libretti for Sir Arthur Sullivan's operas", Gilbert immediately completed the questionnaire. Anne Robinson, the journalist

Michael Dobbs put his phone number in: Germaine Greer avoided arrest: Ken Fallett prefers being in

and broadcaster, who was a oew entry in 1995 says: "I was shamefully delighted to be asked. I filled in the entry form that they sent me, and thought to myself that this was true recognition for a woman in her own right. When they wrote

back to me the name on the the same year as me, but now seem envelope was Mrs John Penrose. There is no good reason to refuse. You can say anything you like about personal details, like your age. I know several television personalities who used to be born

to be six years younger." Michael Dobbs, the author of To Play the King, was another 1995 entry. "Until 1994 1 was exdirectory because I believed that it protected my privacy. But the

media can always find you, and the only people t was being shielded from were my friends, the people I actually wanted to get in touch with me. So now I am in back in the phone book, and I gave all my details to Who's Who, including my home telephone number. A few years ago I suppose I might have been flanered to be asked but the book is so enormous now that it doesn't make you particularly special."

chucked out. Who's Who was on

who have never done a day's work in their lives. And MPs get in even Germaine Greer has said: "Once when I was in Khartoum, I if they are the laziest and most useless in the Commons. was grabbed by the presidential "Its better to be in than out. I suppose. But it doesn't mean guard outside President Nimeiry's palace. I protested that t had an much. It is like an ornament on a appointment with someone in the mantelpiece: a nice thing to have. but of no real use. One good thing that may come of it is that Government and was only trying to find him. They took me to an journalists will be able to get my office where I was left waiting to be

Give a woman a good cigar

A arlene Dietrich and Catherine the Great loved it, and now Quentin Letts reports from America that a new generation of women are discovering the pleasures of cigar-smoking

THROATY Marlene Dietrich flared her nostrils and inhaled would have savoured the scene off Park Avenue, New York, the other Monday. It was dusk at the bar of the Waldorf Astoria, and raining Martinis. There must have been more than 300 people in mostly the room, thirtysomething goodlookings, with the women's necklines plunging, thighs flashing. And you know what? At least half were fingering long, sleek cigars. The Waldorf party, which

one could smell a

block away, was held to celebrate

Smoke magazine, a

new glossy devoted

to "cigars, pipes, and life's other burning desires". Its publication co-

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deeply the thick, cigar-scented air before closing her eyes in ecstasy. To all sides, husky female voices sounded. And down the way from me sat a cool blonde, Lynne Poland, an elbow resting on the bar and a newly-lit Montecristo trailing smoke from her lean left hand. Miss Poland, 34, is a spectacular example of the new wave of cigar connoisseuse. She has been smoking for ten years, and has been employed by leading cigar merchants as

a sales assistant and executive. She now has her own A ravencigar-importing company, Lynne Poland Enterprises haired (president: L. Po-land), and says that smoking cibeauty K inhaled 3 gars is one of her few ways of the air in relaxing". New York, a city ecstasy : with no shortage of independent, rich women, is on the

by 32 per cent in the first six months of last crest of the female cigar moveyear. But the one aspect which ment. Manhattan's Monkey really has the tobacco world Bar has held an all-dames sucking on its stogies is the smoking night, an event releap in female cigar smokers. peated at the bar's sister restaurant, Tapika, where the For years, Marlene Dietrich star speaker Emmanualle Marty, was the only cheroot-smoking was woman people could name. At the the turn of the century there French founder of El Sublimihad been Amy Lowell, the nado cigars. A chapter of the New England poet, Annie "get George Sand Society for cigar your gun" Oakley and the smokers - named after the bank robber Bonnie Parker. cigar-smoking author and pioneering feminist -- has opened They could point to the example of Catherine the Great, in New York, and more than who found that a long, strong half the members are women. smoke helped her through the aramour of Chopin St Petersburg winters. But in and author of The more recent times, while it Haunted Pool, was not uncommon for Sand women to unwrap a cigar, and George smoked several cigars a day. even cut and toast it under a long match for their amours, partly in line with her "lifestyle cigar smoking was generally as rebellion" campaign, but left to the men. partly because she grew to like the things, even rely on them. Julie Ross, co-founder of the A glance around the bar at the Waldorf Asloria the other society's branch in Santa night showed that things have Monica, California, has said changed. In one corner stood a that she was attracted by couple of flat-stomached beau-George Sand's "uncomprones, both holding six-inch mising individuality and spirit Dominican Licenciados Toros of freedom. She was an outrato their scarlet-touched lips. geous character but also very Through the door walked a accomplished and successful." raven-haired beauty in a parnally open mink coat. She The spirit of freedom, so

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For husky-voiced, cheroot-chomping women, the bigger the better is the advice from the cigar lovers. Sales of quality cigars have leapt and more women are smoking them

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ated to second-class citizens. Ironically, the anti-smoking campaigners may have given smoking the allure of rehellion. It is also notable that the women's movement, which might normally protest about any health threat to women. has not uttered a word against the growth in female cigar smoking. Cigars are liberating, a tool of emancipation. The well-established Cigar Aficionado magazine, which Smoke must hope to emulate. recently carried a lengthy essay in praise of cigar aficionadas. Typical of its subjects was

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described the first time she long considered a part of smoked a cigar. She was in American life, is an important Chile and had just returned motivator here. In the past ten years smokers have been relefrom a diplomatic dinner. "I was sitting in the hotel lobby with a group of 12 American businessmen when they, en masse, began lighting Cuban cigars," she reup called. "I was intrigued by the sight. One of them offered me a cigar, but in a very teasing

way, never expecting me to accept." She did accept, however, and although initially she did not like the taste she derived pleasure from the lighting ritual. She also discovered the effect it can have on the weaker-

minded sex. A South American man, having watched her amorously for some time, walked up to her and invited her to dinner with the words: "I've been looking all my life for a woman who

smokes a cigar." She turned him down - no chat-up line so corny deserves to be rewarded. European women have been ahead of their American sisters for some time on the cigar

front - Denmark is apparently the hot zone for female cigar-smoking - but for tobac-co growers it is America, with its large population and its spending habits, that promises the rich returns.

The movement has some star recruits. Linda Evange-lista, Whoopi Goldberg, Jodie Foster and Madonna have all lit up, while in Britain we have had the artist Maggi Hambling, The Sunday Telegraph's elegant literary editor Miriam Gross, and Spitting Image's Margaret Thatcher puppet. American women are smoking at the expensive end of the market, choosing "gour-met" cigars. In the late 1980s statistics suggested that women formed a mere onetenth of I per cent of the cigar marker. In Manhattan today they are reckoned to form close to 5 per cent of it.

At Cigar Aficionado, the growth in the female market has come as a pleasant sur-prise. When the magazine

started three years ago it expected its readership to be elderly and male. It is, in lact, being read by younger people of both sexes. Simultaneously. a Florida cigar maker plans to introduce a special brand for women. The Cleopatra Collection of cigars have tapered ends, making them easier to light and to hold in the mouth - although one suspects that part of the appeal of cigars for some women is their very masculinity. For men, the sight of a

woman lighting up a Sancho Panza Corona, a Bering Imp-

> The women's movement has said nothing against it

erial or, say, a Fonseca Trian-gular can still lead to comic double-takes. Colleen Magil, a writer from Philadelphia. recalled how her cigar habit once caused a road accident. At some red traffic lights a

man in the car next to her stared in disbelief at the stonking great chimney protruding from her lips. In his daze he absent-mindedly lifted his foot from the brake and crunched into the car in front of him. Ms Edmark, toving with a Davidoff Ambassadrice - they have such great names, these cigars, like Fifties cars has noted: "I've never met a

man who wasn't sitting there siniling when I lit up. It's a great conversation staricr." A leading Chicago tobacconist, Diana Silvius-Gits, told Cigar Aficionado that women are her trade's "next big market" and that they are fast finding their way around the various brands and cigar types. In general, they tend to go for the milder ones, though size is no guide to the taste of a cigar. Emmanualle Marty likes her own Subliminados. mellowed by brandy, but also smokes Bolivars and Montecristos. Ms Edmark, if out of Ambassadrices, goes for Churchills. "Don't be scared of big ones," she says. Followers of Sigmund Freud have plenty to

discuss here. Lastly, is it anractive? The smell can be a problem. After the evening at the Waldorf Astoria I not only felt as though I had passive-smoked the contents of an entire humidor, but also had to take my suit to the dry cleaner and ask him to set his machine's dial to "industrial". It was the same story at Claridge's last year. after a Cigar Aficionado din-ner at which some 900 cigars

were lit. A boiler-suited crew of cleaners equipped with factory defumigators were kept busy the enore following day.

The actress Kim Basinger. when shooting Nine and a Half Weeks, complained about having to kiss her costar Mickey Rourke, who smokes 40 cigarettes a day. It was, she said. "like licking an ashiray, Kissing a cigar smoker can probably be compared to puckering up to a furnace door in the Black Country. The only solution is to take up cigars yourself.

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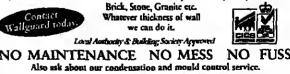
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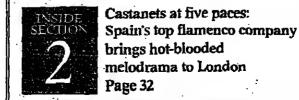
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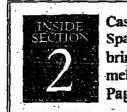


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Are there still two nations? The North-South divide is no more,

says Paul Barker

oes the North still exist, in the old sense, as chronicled in a thousand novels and political tracts? Can one still talk about a North-South divide? On Monday. BBC2 begins a nine-part saga, Our Friends in the North — "three decades, four friends and the world that shaped their lives* - which assumes that you can.

Certainly, the North-South divide is a phrase still much used by politicians. It was behind the Labour Party's It was behind the Labour Party's proposals for English regional assem-blies, to complement its devolution schemes for Scotland and Wales. Tony Blair has backed off, pending further evidence that local people actually want such assemblies. But if regional divi-sions are still so great, why don't they chear much entruciasm? Perhaps the show much enthusiasm? Perhaps the North-South divide has gone the way of the dodo and the great auk. Always trust

the people. The starting point of Our Friends in the North is Newcastle upon Tyne in the 1960s, when T. Dan Smith, the local Labour Party boss, said he would do anything to pull the city and its region up by their bootstraps. Newcastle would rival Stockholm: clean tall towerblocks, motorways, new towns. The means mattered less than the ends. Smith and the omnipresent architect-developer, John Poulson, ended up in

jail, for corruption. The memory of Smith as the selfproclaimed Cock o'the North - and of his equivalent city bosses across Britain — is enough to make anyone pause before thinking that regional baronies are the answer. Such bosses had little heed for aspirations other than their own: biggest was always best. A Labour spokesman recently confessed to me that he woirries that if his party forms the next government, it will be off again, thinking that all it need do is build, build, build, like those old city bosses, as if bricks and mortar alone would create the New Jerusalem.

t sometimes seems that all that is left of Smith's flawed ambition is a Scandinavian-style City Hall in Newcastle, and depressed, workless Tyneside and Teesside towns linked by fast, emoty roads. Newcastle vies with Manchester for the title of car theft capital of England, Cleveland (that is, Middlesbrough) is better known for child-abuse than for its old steelmaking industry. But things are never so simple.

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Hellfire is too satisfying an idea to be abolished by **Church of England fiat**

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S o the Church of England has ruled that Hell exists and that we shall all face a Day of Judgment. Such Anglican certitude is as welcome as it is unusual. However, the bad news is that it has ruled out the fire and brimstone, and the devils with red-hot toasting-forks. From St Paul to the latest millionaire evangelist, with fleets of Ferraris and doxies (both scarlet) offscreen, hellfire preachers have always frightened the collection out of their congregations by this threat.

Eternal damnation. preferably with the peine forte et dure (in the French torturers' term), and a squillion times more painful than the worst tortures on Earth, is a particularly attractive notion for mankind. Especially if it is used to punish one's enemies - such as the infidel, heathen, and of course rival sectarians. Such sadism goes back long before the jolly Marquis and even Christianity: to Prometheus having his liver eternally transplanted by vulture's beak, Sisyphus rolling his briefcase up the down escalator, and starving Tantalus tantalised by delicious food and drink just out of his reach. Without infernal brutality, such Surrealists as Hieronymus Bosch and Quentin Taran-

tino would find their occupations gone. And the loud literary form of the hellfire sermon would lose its force. The mythical example is the Wee Free Minister in the Hebrides ranting the fear of God at his congregation: "And in that terrible eternity, when ye are roasting in burning oil, ye will look up and cry. 'Lord, Lord, we didna kenl' And from His throne of infinite maircy, the Lord will look down and say, 'Well, ye ken noo'." The story may even be true on Harris, where they put lobster pots over the cocks on the Sabbath to stop them pleasuring the hens.

But the authentic hellfire sermon was hardly less alarming. Here is the unaptly named Puritan, Christopher Love, in 1650: "When thou art scorching in thy flames, when thou art howling in thy torments, then God shall laugh, and His saints shall sing and rejoice, that His power and wrath are thus made known to thee." And from the other side of the bloody pulpit, here is the royalist fellow of All Souls, Jeremy Taylor: "Hell could not be Hell without the despair of accursed souls; for any hope were a refreshment, and a drop of water, which would help to allay those flames, which as they burn intolerably, so they must burn for ever."

the theological argument against devils with toasting-forks asks why a good God would allow anyone to be deprived of Him, let alone suffer the torments of the damned for ever. Part of the paradox is said to be that it was a generous act to give human beings the ultimate free will of rejecting the good for ever. Some generosity! The Marxist (Groucho) argument goes that a good guy would not want to go to any heaven that would admit him as a member, out of fellow-feeling for those condemned to the other place. The company of Don Giovanni and Julian the Apostate sounds more fun than most of those saints and preachers. popes, Dr Paisleys and martyrs. It is a literary truism that Satan rather than Adam, Eve, those indistinguishably priggish archangels or even God Himself is the romantic hero of Paradise Lost. You meet a much better class of sinner in Dante's Inferno than in the Purgatorio or Paradiso. That heroic regicide Brutus ends up in the bottom of the freezing pit being chomped by Satan himself. But Dante reserves his love and best lines for such miserable sinners as the lost lovers, Paolo and Francesca, Virgil, and his old tutor. Bruno Latini. Death is going to be less interesting without the boiling pitch and the screaming devils. But even though the Church of England has ruled hot Hell theologically incorrect, it is too satisfying an idea to go away. Zealots, sadists and nutters will keep it going, Martin Luther was a witty man, though much obsessed with Hell and influenced by the mortal crueities of the Reformation. He was pestered by a young theologian with the question of where God had been before He created the world. Finally Luther snapped: "He was building Hell for such presumptuous, fluttering and inquisitive spirits as you are." Right on, Martin. Hell is not just other people. It is also strictly for other people.



The diva with a shadow

t was only a few weeks ago that I wrote, yet again, about the Holo-caust. On that occasion I was discussing, first, the mad or evil (or mad and evil) men who deny that the Holocaust ever happened, and next, the much more evil men - yes, there are some - who wallow in the Holocaust,

loving and revering Hitler. Hark to the American Gary Lauck, perhaps the most Nazified figure in this entire midden (he is so steeped in Nazism that he has grown a moustache exactly like Hitler's, and although he is entirely American, he deliberately speaks with a German accent): "In my opinion the Jews were treated too humanely. We must never make this mistake again."

So what is there more to say, after that? Two things: the first thing was encapsulated by a Holocaust survivor. who said, "I believe no culprit should be allowed to climb into his grave without being unmasked". And the second thing? The second thing is what f propose to write about today.

f have been rebuked for my belief that operatic world: but even the most self-

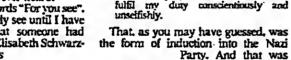
Elisabeth Schwarzkopf stands accused of being a Nazi. But what would any of us have done in her position?

decorated by the Queen as a Dame of the British Empire. And now, someone has written and published a book about her

and her career. Tush: there must be a dozen books about her and her career; f have one on my own shelves, and I would feel odd if f hadn't. For you see, the famous person we are discussing is Elisabeth Schwarzkopf, one of the most wonderful opera singers the world has ever heard.

I started with the words "For you see", but you cannot possibly see until I have explained. f said that someone had written a book about Elisabeth Schwarzkopf, and such books are standard in the

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interesting than her genius, particularly for those whose relatives died in the gaschombers. Before you shout me down, kindly listen to this:

I obediently declare herewith: none of my parents or grandparents has ever be-longed at any time to the Jewish religion. nonged is any arrive to the Jewish religion, nor have t ever been married to anybody of non-Aryan descent ... I vow to be true and obedient to the Filtner of the Cerman Reich and people, Adolf Hitler, and to fulfil my duty conscientiously and unsetfishly.

on singing". Who shall be so pure and white to say no to Adolf Hitler, when saying no is likely to mean losing a job, and indeed a life. Yes, there were heroes, who died for being heroes; come, Mr Jefferson, with hand on beart, would you swear that if you had a choice between signing on as a Nazi and being hung from a fine wire you would not choose the signature? The trouble with this terrible prob-

lem is that Elisabeth Schwarzkopf learnt to sing, and to sing so beautifully that her singing was heard all over the world. If she had only learnt double-entry book-keeping, not only would she have had no reason to tell lies about her past, but she would have been much less likely to be obliged to sign up as a Nazi against her will.

How many human relics of the war and the Holocaust are there left? How many prominent persons in the arts and sciences who lived through hell and saw England has changed over the past the rainbow in the end? These are no less Elisabeth Schwarzor more cherishable human beings, for generation in ways that men like Smith all their prominence. Fear of a dreadful never foresaw. Undeniably, regional kopf signing on as a death, in those days, hung over the great fully fledged member. disparities exist. One yardstick of prosperity is that fewer people in the North have cars. One yardstick of and the low together. Who was Elisabeth Schwarzkopf to achievement is that pupils do less well in change the world? In a sense, and a their GCSEs. But on many measures, rather powerful sense, she did change North and South have become more the world, at least in one tiny corner. In my own youth f heard her sing again and again, and the sounds that came closely knit. For innumerable northerners (myfrom her were not the thud of the self included), the thing to do was simjackboot, I can tell you. Come: she signed up on a wicked piece of paper; did ply to get out. There was room in the South. But the transformation of the economy from industry to services has changed all that. A third of schoolthat make her wicked? Did she ever push a Jew off the pavement? Did she leavers across Britain now take degree demand space in the Nazi newspapers to courses. Nowadays, not all graduates denounce Jews? How often did she go about with members of the Gestapo feel they have to take the next train to telling where Jews were hidden? London. Jobs to suit them have grown up everywhere. Take it from me, you pillow-heroes, Measured in miles, the North may still be as far as ever from the South, But when your time comes, most of you will suffer just as much trembling of the hands as any ordinary coward like me. Who will demand that Elisabeth in hours, distances have shrunk. As a child in Yorkshire, I regarded a trip to London as a rare adventure. Now, from Schwarzkopf must be braver than anyone else? Leeds, London is one place to go to for a Saturday night out. When Eurostar opens its northern service, Paris will fall Not me. She was weak, perhaps, and more to the point - she wanted into the same category. In Our Friends in the North, local councillors can be cheers. What artist of the stage doesn't? I don't think even Haitink would reject bribed by a trip to exotic Spain. The past them.) But above all, in this story, there hangs one more aspect, and it is this. We is another country: it was much more parochial. cannot measure, let alone understand,

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the few old men who murdered Jews satisfied luvvie (and and somehow found asylum in Britain should be left in peace, though their the luvvies in the world victims could find no peace except in the grave. (One of the accused could be seen on television a few days ago; very old and no doubt ready to deny everything.)

When will that tap stop dripping? The answer is a grim one: it will stop dripping when, and only when, every person who has drunk from it or washed in it is dead. Again and again, some elderly man or woman is found to be a survivor of the Holocaust, and it is sometimes a very delicate matter to discover on which side that person lived. But now we have another problem. We have, still living among us, one of those elderly figures - she is just S0 - who cannot be simply categorised as another old and doddery figure. of no importance except to her own family. For this person, you see, is famous. Very famous. Very famous indeed.

True, she is famous only in the musical world, but in that world she still shines above us like the stars, for a star she was throughout her wonderful career. That career was based in Britain - indeed, she lived in Hamostead -

when, of course, she was not flitting about the world doing her work. In 1979, when her British nusband died, having worked tirelessly for her fame, she retired to Switzerland. She is not a recluse by any means; in 1992 she was

of the opera are selfsatisfied indeed) would shudder on seeing such a book as the one that has just been published, written by Alan Jefferson (who

he?) and published by Victor Gollancz. (Gollancz himself died many years ago and his business was long ago swal-lowed up by Cassell, but the publishing world has a generous and charming practice which leaves intact the imprint of a long dead publisher.)

Now the book says, in the most vigorous terms, that although Elisabeth Schwarzkopf was indeed a most wonderful singer. she was also a deep-dyed Nazi throughout her entire time in Hitler's Germany and quite possibly after. (There is another way aspect to this story: Gollancz himself would have been horrified twice over to learn that Madame Schwarzkopf was being attacked, once because of her miraculous singing. and second and more important because Gollancz spent thousands of hours on reconciliation between Germany and Britain - indeed, the world.)

And here we are again. But we are no longer talking about the doddery figure with one foot in the grave, we are talking about a musician of genius and her past. And her past, for many people, is more

Dernara number 7,548,960. Now you can shoul Particularly because there is proof that, after the war, when the Nazis were being sort-

> ed out from the innocents, she claimed that she had never been a member of the Nazi Party, and repeated that lie several times untilfinally she gave in and told the truth.

ow then: singing beautifully and being a Nazi is not necessarily the same thing, nor the opposite of it. If you made a list of artists - in music, inthe theatre, in painting and sculpting, in writing itself - and then counted up the whole number of German artists who carried on their trade after being fully inducted into the Nazi Party, how many would the list contain? And then, after the war, count the number of such figures. Three-and-half, would you say?

straight? Elisabeth Schwarzkopf signed up as a Nazi, true to her leader, Adolf Hitler. And what did that mean? That she would, every Saturday, morder a specified number of Jews? Reader, would you like to live between the devil and the deep blue sea? Her signing on as a Nazi meant nothing other than "I want to go

Where is the ruler that always rules

N one of this means that Eng-land - or Britain - is no longer a nation divided against it-self. It is just that the divide has shifted.

The great division now is between the suburbs and the city. (And, these days, small towns and the countryside are often a kind of suburb; people sleep there but work elsewhere.) The greatest poverty is in cities, whether North or South. And the greater the city, the greater the poverty.

Nowhere are the divisions deeper than in the capital. The 1995 edition of Regional Trends puts the average gross household income in London at almost £432 a week, a good £100 higher than in Yorkshire. (Remember that life in general, especially housing, is much cheaper in Yorkshire.) And yet London contains the three worst-off local authority areas in England: Newham, Southwark and Hackney. Several other London boroughs rate little better.

Recently I walked around parts of the North-East which reminded me of the worst tracts of the United States: desotate and despairing. Men stood by colliery gates watching the pithead being demolished. I went into the Meadow Well estate, outside North Shields, where rioting flared up in the summer of 1991 and has still not recovered from its wounds. No one should underestimate such social tragedies. The North, alas, still has plenty to grieve over.

But if you want to peer into what the social investigators of Victorian England called "the abyss", you must go into the dark heart of our cities. And, in particular, London. This is today's most painful divide.

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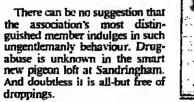
PIGEON-FANCIERS are in a flap about birds which get as high as well, a pigeon. For the first time, the Royal Pigeon Racing Association is considering changing its rules to ban performance-enhancing substances.

Pigeons have long been suspect-ed of drug-abuse, with fanciers slipping their birds cortisone to boost stamina and prevent moulting. The problem until now has been to catch them at it, but now developments on the Continent mean that drug tests can be carried out on droppings. Hitherto, any test would have required a blood test, risking the bird's life.

The association has got as far as appointing a committee to look into the matter," says David Glover, editor of British Homing World. "The Belgian authorities have already put out a list of banned substances, and at least three fanciers there have been banned from racine."

The association says that the subject will be raised at its annual general meeting next month: There is a proposition that we should put in place various rules and regulations with regard to performance-enhancing drugs and substances."

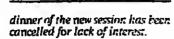
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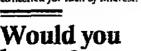
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buy..? BRENT Borough Council wasn't the easiest vehicle to steer when it came to policy decisions, according a former chief executive. Michael Bichard, who is now Permanent Secretary at the Department for Education and Employment, recalls in the Times Educational Supplement that a decision could be "taken and overturned two or three times in a week".

The saga of the deputy mayor's car proves his point, he says. On a Monday, members decided that the car should be done away with. On Tuesday, they changed their minds, but on Wednesday rever-

sed their decision. On Thursday, Bichard was instructed again to sell it. But the Labour group set a high sale price, hoping to keep the car. Bichard claims they hadn't reckoned with his skill as a usedcar salesman. And to Labour's disgust, he sold it to the leader of a Conservative authority.

One of the more harmless obsessions of book-collectors is the pursuit of "association copies": rooks from the libraries of famous people, particulorly other writers. This occasionally throws up peculiar conjunctions. But for bizarrerie. our anyone match an item currently on offer in Cecil Court in London: the first edition of James Jeyer's Finnegans Wake - with the ownership signature of the aufor of Mary Poppins?

Palace prize

AS the Princess of Wales busies herself again with the plight of the normeless, architects are applying their minds to her own accommodation. The magazine Building Design has invited them to design her a new home.

Offering £1,000 for the winning entry to be judged by the panda-proportioned architect Will Alsop), the magazine says: "To cheer up D: in the new year, we want you to design an absolutely fabulous new



home for her as she might not be living at Kensington Palace formuch longer. It can be any style,

new role and interests."

stagehand. anywhere and should reflect her

• Preparations for the gee-gees week in Cheltenham in March have stumbled at the first hurdle. Work storted this week on erecting the mammoth tent village to ac-commodate thirsty Irishmen and corporate punters, but yesterday John Attwooll and Co, the trusty suppliers of the tentage and furniture, saw its warehouses go up in smoke. I am assured everything will still be set when the gun goes off for the Supreme Novices Hurdle.

Just possible

what a life in the Third Reich meant.

When you and I can understand it, then,

but only then, may we rebuke Elisabeth Schwarzkopf. I think the rebuke will be

some time coming. .

THESE ARE trying times for Tom Cruise. He has been dragged back unexpectedly to Pinewood to add some finishing touches to the feature film Mission Impossible, which he thought he had done with last year. The reshoot is proving a tougher assignment even than the most arduous stums performed by his on-screen character.

His co-star, the agreeable. French actress Emmanuelle Béart, is now very obviously pregnant, whereas she wasn't when filming started. The cameramen are us-

ing all their ingenuity to film her so that it doesn't show," says a

P.H.S The author is a senior fellow Institute of Community Studies,

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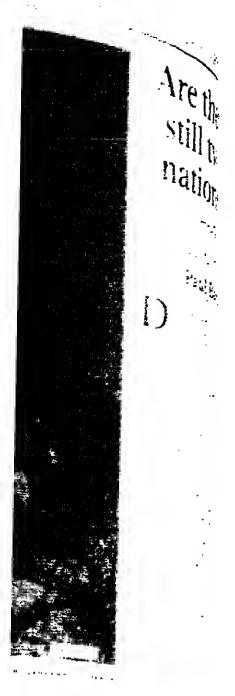
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THE CHIEF STOKER

Thatcher's challenge to the Conservative Party

Happiness is not a word that springs naturally to mind when contemplating the Tory party in its present doldrums. Happy, nonetheless, is any party that has core beliefs in which it can take pride, and a statesman who can articulate them with the conviction that Baroness Thatcher brought to the Keith Joseph Memorial Lecture vesterday. Labour, whose task is, as Tony Blair understands, to reinvent itself. can call upon no such stimulus; and stimulation was consciously what Lady Thatcher set out yesterday to provide.

John Major, of course, is not looking for stimulus over the coming months, quite the reverse. Barely 36 hours after he had produced his own cautious strategy for the next election, his predecessor proposed ideas that could hardly have been more different. The Major approach, set out at a breakfast with businessmen on Wednesday, is to find a consensus position, however limited, around which his party can unite, a position based on past economic successes, future economic prospects and the threat that Labour will destroy both. The Thatcher alternative is to confront the party Left across a broad range of policies, Europe, public spending, taxation and crime, disdaining unity as an end in itself and creating a position that most clearly differentiates the Tories from Labour.

For months now Mr Major has been calling for a One Nation Conservative Party and a rally on the centre ground, where right and left-wing rebels would march back together into the party tent. Yesterday Lady Thatcher described One Nation Tories as No Nation Tories and the centre ground as a slippery place inhabited by unprincipled spin-doctors. And she said it all with a certain nostalgia, as though she alone was now saying what needed constantly to be said. She praised the "habits of freedom" underpinned by sound institutions which appealed to Britain's shared instincts and traditions. Conservatives, she said, needed no lectures about society - about "the importance of custom, convention, tradition, belief, national institutions or what the ancient Romans would describe as 'piety'."

She made clear that the modern party now lacked the intellectual certainties and philosophical voices that she and Keith Joseph had provided. Mr Major's Conservatives had sought the middle ground but they had not united the party and had lost the middle class on which their power depended.

Lady Thatcher's historical analysis is a persuasive one. She did succeed in cowing her party into unity for a very long time. Her audience at the Centre for Policy Studies last night contained many who remember the arrogant pragmatism of the "wets" in her first Cabinet and the way in which they were one by one defeated. She praised individually Michael Portillo, Michael Howard. Peter Lilley and John Redwood - but it is they who are now the minority, the Right which is now isolated in Cabinet on so many issues and the Right which was outmanoeuvred and defeated in last year's leadership election. Mr Major's spin-doctors have, indeed, colonised a small patch of centre ground for him to begin his attack on Labour: but he has given them no choice.

Indeed, Mr Major might have expected worse. True, she did not give him overmuch praise. But she did not seek to bury him. There was scathing dismissal of those, mostly on the Right of the party, who have hinted that a spell in Opposition was the only hope. The attractions of Opposition, she remarked, were "greatly exaggerated by those who have not experienced it". She praised Lord Joseph for his revolt against the Heath Government, but contrasted Mr Major favourably with the man whose policies she had so successfully upturned.

This speech should not be the wounding blow that some Tories feared and Labour hoped. It was essentially a lecture in the grand style, designed to keep alive the party's principles of Gladstonian liberalism. its roots in the individualism inherited from Erasmus, Hume and Adam Smith. One day, those principles will again unite and invigorate it. All parties long in power, as she observed, have to make sure that they do not run out of steam; in office, she had always regarded it as part of her job to be "Chief Stoker". She is stoking still.

LACK OF SLACK

Health reform should not mean higher risk

A 65-year-old man dies in hospital in Scarborough after being flown by helicopter 80 miles from Bradford, where a doctor's staff had struggled for several hours to find a bed closer at hand. In a Liverpool bospital, 35 patients spend the day on trolleys in the accident and emergency department, one of them for 22 hours. While the reforms of the health service gradually deliver shorter hospital waiting lists and a more efficient use of NHS resources, the flow of cases which require desperate search for scarce beds has not stopped. Must reform mean risk? The political phrases which pour forth after each bed shortage drama obscure several simple truths. The imbalances between supply and demand in the volatile and expensive "acute" sector revealed by these cases do not throw the principle of pursuing efficient healthcare into doubt. Two quite distinct areas of hospital administration are under pressure: provision of highly specialised intensive care beds and capacity for accident and emergency admissions. mostly in big city hospitals. To lump every complaint over shortage in the NHS into one allegation that a sacred principle is being trampled on, as Labour's health spokeswoman Harriet Harman did yesterday, is a breathtaking refusal to look the facts in the face. This week's cases revealed that a fundamental principle was under threat, she said: "that when you fall ill and you need treatment you get it when you need it." No government, as Ms Harman is well aware, can operate the NHS on that basis; it would be agreeing to meet all

demands made of it, however high they rise. The Government has already uneasily admitted that the pressures on intensive care, accident and emergency departments are a problem. Last March the Health Secretary agreed to review intensive care after a clutch of problems were revealed. This week, the Department of Health circulated best practice guidelines and

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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cord in the care of orphans is un-doubted. On many visits to China be-

ween 1963 and 1992 I have been privi-

eged to see the excellent care and at-

iendon given to the young orphans. many of whom loday occupy positions

Sir, What do we associate China with

these days? Human rights issues and

dying rooms for baby orphans. In 1997 Britain will be handing over the

six million hard-working Hong Kong

people to the communist dictatorship

From Mr Beauman Chong

of importance.

thing?

Yours faithfully,

102 Greenhill Road,

Winchester, Hampshire.

From Mr J. P. Dickinson

B. CHONG,

made in China.

Yours faithfully,

January 10.

P. DICKINSON.

Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.

52 Lansdowne Avenue,

our people out of work.

ted; and as a consequence it is all too

often easier to "fix" the market than to

provide better products and services

for the customer. The sad consequen-

ce of this condition is that more effec-

tive compection from overseas ulti-

Until Parliament provides strong

investigative powers to the Office of

Fair Trading and severe penalties for

use by the court, so that anti-competi-

tive business practices can be found

and punished, innovation will con-

tinue to have a low priority in the UK.

redundant workers identified by Tim

Congdon ("Where have all Britain's

middle-aged men gone?", December

29, 1995) will stay out of work.

I Sandiway Park.

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The Firs.

January II.

Yours faithfully. GEOFFREY N. DENCE.

nance depot in the town.

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Yours faithfully. MARTIN L. TURNER,

rather badly labelled

Heathway, Chapel Road,

the future.

January 10.

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SLOTY ...

new for this finch.

Yours faithfully.

121 Abbotts Drive

North Wembley, Middlesex.

IAN LEITCH,

I hope our Members of Parliament

are not unduly influenced by a minor-

ity opinion no maner how much it is

East Grimstead, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

uously from 1848 for more than 130

years. There is still a busy mainte-

Crewe was only a modest railway

junction with no town in 1840 and its

railway works opened only five years before Ashford's. York was establish-

ed as a railway town only a few years

Norwithstanding this. I agree that

Ashford International is both an exci-

ring development and opportunity for

Hothfield Common, Ashford, Kent.

Desmond and James Moore, record

At the zoo's headquarters in Leicester

Square, he presented 80 mammals and 450 birds to the Society... He had no sense of a single, closely related group becoming spe-cialised and adapted to different environ-

mental niches. The birds did not even seem

that important when he donaled them

The expert he turned them over to was the

ornithologist. artist and taxidermist John Gould (who was about to publish his Birds

of Australia]... By the next meeting, on the 10th - only six days later - Gould had

linked them as "a series of ground Finches which are so peculiar" as to form "an en-

tirely new group, containing 12 species".... Darwin's birds and mammals were set out

for display, and reporters from the dailies heard Gould's news. The papers ran the

Maybe press coverage is nothing

Sports letters. page 37

Hartford,

January 4.

January 9.

China's record in dealing with unwanted children

From Mrs N. A. Vale

Sir. The treatment of defenceless ba-bies and children shown last night in Return to the Dving Rooms (review, January 10: reports, January 9, 10) is the most wretched, despicable and niriful that I or, I am sure, anyone else watching the programme have ever seen.

May the members of China's Government never have a moment's peace until these atrocities are at least under control and the situations in the orphanages fully monitored. Yours faithfully,

N. A. VALE, Pike Hill Cottage, 9 Linthurst Road.

Blackwell, Birmingham. January 10.

From Dr David Bellamy, President, Population Concern

Sir. The report which you published on January 10 intimated that I was m favour of the "dying rooms" scenario in China. On the contrary I abhor what is happening and told your correspondent that the heart of the awful tragedy of the death of children in orphanages in China lies in the culture of son-preference and the inequality of the girl-child, Healthy boys are not being victimised in the dying rooms. Son-preference and discrimination against girl children permeates socie-

ties in other parts of Asia. and has other forms of expression across the world. Why else have two major world conferences, the Fourth World Conference on Women held in Peking last September and the World Confer-

Minority rights

From Sir Alfred Sherman

Sir, In suggesting that minorities here have been "oppressed for genera-tions" Mr Geoffrey Bindman (letter, January 3) maligns the people of this country

Until quite recently, England was ethnically homogeneous. Minorities (including my parents' generation of Russian Jews) made their way here precisely because this is one of the fairest, most open-minded polities in the world - and I state this from firsthand knowledge of many. Otherwise they would not have come, or stayed

Professor Roger Scruton. in his article of December 21, rightly condemned the European Court's ruling that gypsies should eojoy special rights over and above others. That ruling, in my view. is a recipe for resentment and conflict.

The lavishing of privileges on min-orities, particularly by left-wing local authorities modvated by anti-democratic creeds - euphemised as "priorience on Population and Development in Cairo in 1994 urged development, including sexual and reproductive rights. 10 be centred on raising the starus and equality of women and girls? There can be no more poignant demonstration than this example from

China of the truth that we must mea-Yours truly, JACK SHAPIRO, sure a society by the position of women within it. 100 Brim Hill, N2. January 10.

Yours faithfully, DAVID BELLAMY, President, Population Concern, 178 Great Portland Street, WI. January 10.

From Mr Jack Shapiro

Sir. The Chinese authorities cannot win. In 1994 the New York-based Human Rights Watch group, determined to indict China for human rights con-traventions, issued a report on incidents that had taken place in a Shanghai orphanage between 1988 and 1992. These incidents were drawn to the attention of the authorities, who then invesogated them, and the situation was remedied.

Two days ago, when your correspondent. James Pringle visited the orphanage in question, he could find little to criticise (report, January 9). Naturally, the Chinese authorioes are now accused of "dressing up" the orphanage to impress visitors.

Orphanages in any country are places where unwanted children are deposited by parents or authorities, and the buildings, care and facilities vary enormously. This is true in China as in Britain. But the fact is that the Chinese re-

Trading failures

From Mr I. D. Bruce

Sir, Professor Kennaway grumbles (letter, January 4) that manufacturing industry has not invested sufficiently in R&D and design. However, weakness in innovation and its commercialisation is a problem in all areas of the economy, in services as well as manufacturing.

One explanation of why the US economy is so much more vibrant and innovative than ours is the presence there, and absence here, of strong competition law. In America no businessman in his right mind will indulge in ano-competitive behaviour for fear of ruinous fines on his com-pany and jail for himself under the and must laws.

British companies trading in Eur-Yours faithfully, IAN D. BRUCE. ope do face heavy fines under Euro-pean law if they break the competioon-law provisions of the Treaty of Rome: hut for those who trade solely Northwich, Cheshire within the UK (a substantial majority) no such sanctions exist.

Perils and joys of a big lottery win

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From Mr Hunter Davies

Sir, What proof has the solicitor. Mr Howard Epstein (lener, January 0). that the bigger the lonery win, the more chance of unhappiness? I know he has worked for one of the Black-burn couple who won £18 million, bu he is generalising from that one very

particular case. I have just finished a book (due out in the autumn) about the first year of the National Lottery in which I have followed ten major winners over the first year of their win. These wins affected the lives of 24 individuals. to whom I have talked at length. Only one is less happy than he was before his win. Camelot's own researches indicate that 99 per cent of jackpot win-

from which many of them escaped. ners are happy with their win. How could the British do such a I suspect Mr Epstein has fallen for the consolatory myth that every lottery winner ends up unhappy, which is what all non-winners like to believe. especially after this weekend.

Yours, HUNTER DAVIES. c/o Cobblers Cove, Barbados. January 7.

Sir. I suggest that one way in which From Mr Michael Alford

parents and grandparents can register their disgust at the Chinese autho-Sir, If happiness could be measured on a pair of scales, would not the sum of 80 prizes at £500,000 defeat the laws rides' inhuman treatment of unwanted children is to stop buying any toys of mathematics by exceeding the weight of one of £40 million?

> Yours sincerely, M. ALFORD, 5 Arundel Terrace, Kemp Town, Brighton. Sussex. January 9.

From Mr Arnold Pulver No one fears the Restrictive Pracoces Court as it is presently constitu-

Sir. My wife, who last Saturday afternoon tried to buy a lonery ticket at our local newsagents, was told by a female junior assistant: "Our machine has broken down due to the nation's greed, madam.

mately takes the business and puts Yours truly, A. PULVER. d Howton Place, Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire, January 8.

Charity mailshots

From Mr Freddy Kosten Too many of those experienced but

Sir. The remedies that Eileen Bushell seeks against intrusive mailshots (letter, January S) are already available to her via the Data Protection Act since, as Russell Vallance points out in his adjoining letter, computer technology

is normally involved. She can certainly insist that her "identity and personal details are not passed or sold 10 other charices", and indeed should have been alerted to ion by the

permission for some casualty work to be done by lesser-qualified staff in an attempt to ease the effects of staff shortages.

Demand is rising. The British Medical Association found that emergency admissions to hospitals had risen by 13 per cent in the four years to mid-1994 and more than 6 per cent last year. The reasons for the rise are debated but the increase is undeniable. This change has coincided with a higher occupancy rate for hospital beds and a remorseless and highly successful drive to cut waiting lists for non-urgent operations. If the Government is to prevent reasonable public concern over very ill patients being shuttled around the country from undercutting its long-haul reform of the NHS, ministers must show that they have not simply ended long waits for hip replacements by extending the delays in casualty departments.

The DoH yesterday invited one of its retired Chief Medical Officers to look at how GPs grapple with hospital shortages. He might usefully consider extending London's emergency clearing service for hospital beds to areas such as Yorkshire and the North West where other tragedies seem otherwise ready to happen.

UNAVAILABLE VENABLES

Of court cases, contracts, cups and coaches

No theme will be discussed in pubs tonight with as much verve as that of Terry Venables. The coach of the England football team - to inform those who have only just returned from the Moon --- has declared that he will be unavailable to coach the national side after the end of the European Championship later this year. This has provoked a predictable cascade of passion and punditry. Is he right? Is he wrong? Should he? Shouldn't he? Why? Why not?

Apart from his record to date --- played 14, only six won - Mr Venables is no ordinary coach. Allegations about his business affairs hang over his head like a swarm of gnats: indeed, that swarm was there in force when the Football Association chose him for the coach's job in 1994. His diary this year is as crowded with unfriendly fixtures at the law courts as it is with football matches. That, in fact, is one reason that he has decided to give up the day-job after Euro '96. England will then begin the arduous yomp to qualify for the next World Cup, and Mr Venables thinks that his appointments with the judiciary will stop him from giving England's footballers the attention they deserve. He is right, of course, even though the fuss ignores a simple fact: Mr Venables promises that he will give up his England job at the end of the summer, at precisely the time when his contract expires. There is no gua-

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rantee that the FA would have kept him on: current form suggests that it would not. If the "Unavailable Venables" story has caused a storm, it is, largely, a storm in a

football cup. The FA should not have picked him to begin with: he did not come with a "controversy-free" guarantee, and was not even the most skilled man for the job. His appointment was born more of desperation than of clear thought. Gerry Francis would have been more appropriate than Mr Venables: he must be in the running again. Mr Francis has always enjoyed the vote of our own football correspondent, for his knack of making a silk purse out of a sow's ear - exactly what English football seems at present to need.

Make no mistake, however: Mr Venables is not a bad coach. Our footballers have his company till the end of the season, and to the end of an important continental campaign. It is in their interest that the coach, having made up his mind about his future, be allowed to shepherd them in the manner that he thinks best. Mr Venables may have his battles in the court later. Three cases of libel and one for wrongful dismissal are enough to drive the stoutest of men to distraction. But before the judge's gavel comes down, let us allow him to win the European Championship for England ... or try.

es the indigenous population, particularly less-advantaged strata, provoking them to feel that they are being treated as second-class citizens in their own land and sowing the seeds of con-

flict At all times and places, in democracies as elsewhere, minorities depend in the last resort on the goodwill of the majority. Those who take minorioes' name in vain for purposes of political axe-grinding do them no favour.

Yours sincerely. ALFRED SHERMAN, 14 Malvern Court. Onslow Square, SW7. January 4.

BBC bias?

From Lord Thomson of Monifieth

Sir, On January 9, the House of Lords had a major debate on the BBC Charter. Apart from three frontbenchers, 33 backbench peers spoke. One of the laner, Viscount Caldecote, moved an amendment critical of the performance of the BBC governors in meeting their responsibilities.

This morning's BBC2 news pro-gramme. The Record, included only three backbench peers in its report. All three were former governors of the BBC. Due impartiality as laid down in the new Charter?

Yours sincerely, GEORGE THOMSON (Liberal Democrat Spokesman on Broadcasting), House of Lords. January 10.

Darwin's finch

From Professor Emeritus A. J. Brook, FRSE

Sir. The report (January 5) of the finch recently found in a Melbourne museum states that the specimen and that of a tapaculo were "almost certainly tagged and preserved by Charles Darwin on his voyage round South America in the 1830s".

ralia between January 12 and March 14, 1836, on the way home from South America and the Galapagos Islands. He returned to England, never to leave her shores again, on October 2, 1836. Hence the Melbourne museum specimens must have been labelled, probably in London, when he was

Recording evidence From Mrs Mary Symes

Sir. As I have been redred for more than 20 years from my position as clerk to justices for five petty sessional divisions in Suffolk I do not lightly take issue with Judge Anthony Thorpe (letter, January 3) who says that "in trial by lay justices the evidence is not recorded"

However, during the 37 years that I served in this office. I recorded in longhand the evidence in all contested cases. On several occasions the judge hearing an appeal called for my minute book to settle a disputed fact.

l am. Sir, your obedient servant. MARY SYMES, Leiston Old Abbey. Leiston. Suffolk. January 4.

Adventurous Ashford

From Mr Martin L. Turner

Sir, I must take issue with your lead-ing article of January 9. "Rail romance revived", which said that "Ashford should rejoice in being put on the railway map" and that Nick Derbyshire, the architect of the new station, "has added Ashford to a list of towns spawned and enriched by the railways".

Enriched, hopefully, but definitely not spawned. This is a chance to rejuvenate a very old-established railway town. The railway came to Ashford in 1843, and the locontotive, carriage and wagon works was in business contin-

However, it is most intriguing that the specimens have ended up in Australia.

The report mentions his voyage round South America "during his quest to prove the theory of evolution" This was in no way the purpose of his voyage as naturalist and companion to Captain Fitz-Roy. It was only after his return that in 1837 he opened his first notebook on the transmutation of

Doubts about the fixity of species surfaced in his mind only during the later years of the five-year voyage, stimulated in particular after his all too short visit to the Galapagos.

of the Museum of Victoria appears to have been presented by Charles Dar-win to the Zoological Society of London on January 4. 1837. In Darwin (pp208-210) his biographers, Adrian

similarly, she can instruct the charity No-fault divorce From Mr Geoffrey N. Dence

to send her no direct mail. Any charity, or other "data user", in breach of such instructions could face Sir, In his lener today on the Family enforcement action by the Data Pro-Law Bill, Sir Bryan Thwaites urges tection Registrar.

MPs to take heed of the Roman Cath-Yours etc. olic bishops' statement whilst formu-FREDDY KOSTEN, Co-editor, Data Protection News, More people get married in a regis-Hoskyns Group plc, City House, 190 City Road, EC1. ter office than a church, and there are more people who do not practise reli-

January 9.

MoD move

From Mrs Jackie Morley

Sir. So Mr E. C. Baker (letter, January I] does not like the relocation terms for MoD staff moving from London 10 Bristol.

As an RAF wife of 22 years, having had 15 involuntary moves all over the world and four by choice (a modes) military total). I would quite like £25.000 "relocation expenses".

Yours faithfully. JACKIE MORLEY. 54 Greenwood, Walters Ash. High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

Mobile menace From Mrs Sue Johns

Sir. May I suggest, that at the same ome as installing the "No Talking" carriage [Canon_Southwell-Sander's letter, January 10), the railways also provide some "old grumps only" coaches. Steve Race ilener, January 8) and the canon could then enjoy each other's company in silence.

Sincerely SUE JOHNS. 89 Westhurst Drive. Chislehurst, Kent. January 10.

there.

From Mr R. B. Waterhouse

Sir. On the Japanese train, the Shinkansen, mobile phones may only be used in the areas at the ends of coaches. Payphones are also available

Yours faithfully. ROBERT WATERHOUSE. 20 Heather Lea Avenue. Dore. Sheffield, South Yorkshire. January 10.

From Mr T. R. Murton

Sir. "No Talking" carriages are an aitractive idea, but as a frequent latenight traveller from Victoria, the in-troduction of "No Eating" carriages would be my priority.

Yours faithfully ROGER MURTON. 7 Royal Crescent. Brighton. Sussex. January 10.

Yours sincerely. ALAN J. BROOK 19 Chandos Road, Buckingham. January 5. From Mr Ian Leitch

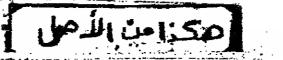
Sir, The preserved finch in the vaults

his return. Letters that are intended for publication should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number ---0171-782 5046.

sorting through his collections after

Darwin and the Beagle visited Aus-

species.





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THATCHED HOUSE LODGE.

was represented by Major Sir Peter Clarke at the Service of

Queen's College,

Term began on Monday, January

8, and half term is from Monday, February 19, to Friday, February 23, inclusive. The Entrance Examination for the School (11+)

takes place on Friday. January 19.

Term ends after Founder's Day on

Thursday, March 28. The preacher

at the Founder's Day service at All

Souls, Langham Place will be the

Scholarships for sixth form entry

in 1996 have been awarded to the

Jada Arigbede: Olivia Alvarez;

Wax Chandlers'

The Lord Mayor has received a cheque for his St John Ambulance

Company

London

Rev David Evans.

following girls:

Wright.

SANDRINGHAM. NORFOLK

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January II: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were repre-sented by The Prince of Wales at the Memorial Service for Monsieur François Mitterrand (for-merly President of the French Republic; which was held in Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris, this morning

BUCKINGHAM PALACE January II: The Princess Royal today visited West Yorkshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Mr John Lyles). Her Royal Highness, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this morning visited Leeds Carers Centre, Leeming House, Vicar Lane.

The Princess Royal, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, later anexuled a Fund-raising Luncheon at Direct Line House, the Headrow, Leeds.

Her Royal Highness this after-noon visited Shipley College. Ex-hibition Road, Saltaire, Shipley. The Princess Royal, Patron, National Association of Victim

Support Schemes, later visited Victim Support Merseyside Branch, Parish Centre, St Nicholas RICHMOND PARK January II: Princess Alexandra Parish Church. Chapel Street, Liverpool. Her Royal Highness, President,

British Olympic Association, this evening attended a viewing of the film "Charlots of Fire" for the British Olympic Appeal at Liverpool Town Hall. Thanksgiving for the Life and Work of the Lord Grantchester which was held uoday in Si Margaret's Church, Westminster

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, as president. will attend a display of Prince's Youth Business Trust businesses in The Merchant Adventurers' Hall York, at 10.20; will view city centre developments from 11.20: will visit the Law Courts, Castlegate at 12.25; the Council of British Archaeology, Walmgate, at 1.00; and will visit the studios of Mr Dick Reid. craftsman carver and restorer. at 23 Fishergate at 2.20.

Today's events

Araminta Atha; Elgiva Field; Xanthe Fuller (Arts Educational The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Annue Funer (Aris Educational School): Annabel Lopez: Made-leine McGowan: Bahareh Mozafarian; Katie Oliver; Priya Patel (Harvington): Sejal Patel; Juliet Riddell; Sharon Shaw; Chloe Horse Guards at Ilam. The Queen's Guard mounts at Buckingham Palace at II.30.

Lord Harris of Peckham

The life barony conferred upon Sir Philip Charles Harris, Knight, has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Harris of Peckham, of Peckham in the London Borough of Southwark.

Lord Sewel

oppeal from the Wax Chandlers' Company. The life barony conferred upon Mr John Buttifant Sewel has been Mr Robert Gilbert has receive a cheque from the company as the gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Sewel, of prize for the best paper submitted to the British Bee Keepers' Gilcomstoun in the District of the Association in their 1995 City of Aberdeen. competition.



Cavaliere Giovanni Gucco, chief mosaicist at St Mark's, Venice, examining one of the mosaics on the Albert Memorial in Kensington Gore which were made in Venice in the 19th century. Rain has damaged them and large sections are to be removed for repair as part of a £14 million restoration programme being carried out by English Heritage

Birthdays today

Miss Kirstie Alley, actress, 41: Mr Anthony Andrews. actor, 48: Mr Emest Armstrong, former MP, 81: Miss Hazel Aronson, QC, Sheriff of Lothian and Borders at Edin-

burgh, 50: Mr Michael Aspel, broadcaster, 63: Sir Charles Ball, company director. 72; Mr H.G.H. Barratt, trade unionist, 91; Lord Boardman, 77; Mr P.W. Botha, former President of South Africa. 80; Sir James Bottomley, diplomat, ated. 76: the Hon Sir Richard Butler. former president, National Farmers' Union, 67: Miss Stella Cunliffe, statistician, 79; Mr Keith Dawson, Headmaster, Haberdashers' Aske's School, 59; Mr Brendan

Foster, athlete, 48: Mr Joe Frazier, boxer, 52; Baroness Hamwee, 49; Baroness Hilton of Eggardon, 60; Miss Anne Howells, concert and opera singer, 55; Lord Justice McCowan, 68; Mr Denys Mine, former managing director, BP Oil, 70; Mr James Mortimer, former general secretary, Labour Party, 75; Mr Des O'Connor, entertainer, 64; Sir John Rennie, former Governor-General, Mauritius, 79: Sir Terence Streeton, diplomat, 66; Lord Justice Swinton Thomas, 65; Mr Peter Wilson, theatrical pro-ducer, 45.

Memorial services

The Linu Chancelior was repre-sented by Mr Mark Ormerod. Annong others present were: Betty Lady Grantchester, the Hon Deborah Suenson-Taylor, and the Hon Mrs Grimstone Idaughters, Mr and the Hon Mrs Ketth Lobban Ison-in-taw and daughtert, Lady Grant-chester and the Hon Mrs James Suenson-Taylor Idaughters-In-taw, Mr Gerald Grimstone, Miss Jenny Grimstone Miss Anna Grimstone, the Hon Holly Suenson-Taylor, the Hon Hannah Suenson-Taylor, the Hon Hannah Suenson-Taylor, the Hon Hannah Suenson-Taylor, the Hon Hannah Suenson-Taylor, Miss Lauret Moortead, Mr and Mrs Noholas Bumtel, Mr and Mrs Noholas Bunted, Mr and Mrs Ben Moorthead, Mr And Mrs Robert Moorthead, Mr And Mrs Ben Moorthead, Mr Store, Mr Pater Moorthead, Mr And Mrs Robert Moorthead, Mr And Mrs Mr Pater Moorthead, Mr And Mrs Mr And Mrs Patrick Siub55, Mr And Mrs Patrick Siub55, Mr And

Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command. Moores, and Marshall Stubbs, Mr Michael Stubbs, Mr Peter Kirwan-Taylor, Lady Critichley, Mr and Mrs Alfred Taylor, Mrs Kay Taylor, Miss Deirdre Kirwan-Taylor, Mr and Mrs Max Taylor, Mr Jonathan Taylor, Mis Joanna Walker, Miss Donatella Moores, Mrs Kirsten was the host at a dinner held last night on board the Ilagship HMS Victory, Portsmouth Naval Base, for General Jorgen Lyng, Chief of Defence Denmark (Danish Army). Miss Donatella Moores, Mrs Kirsten Rasmatson, The Earl of Dartmouth (president, Bucks) with Mr R E O Russell (chairraan): Viscouth Montgomery of Alamein, the Viscount of Oxfaird,

The Rev Robin Mann, Rector, Wyre Forest West Group of Lord Aberdare, Lady Ackner, Lord Boston of Faversbam, QC, Lord Brougham and Vaux, Lord Boyd-Carpenter. Lord and Lady Brightman. Baroness Carnegy of Iour, Lord Clark of Kempston, Lord Congieton, Lord and Lady Dhomo Boyne, Baroness Hooper. Lord and Lady Killearn, Lord Nyell, Lord Moore ol Lower Marsh, Lord Murton of Lindisfarne, Lord and Lady Mouotevars, Derdrier Lady Mount-evans, Lord Oliver of Ayfmetion. Lord Orr-Ewing, Lord Pyrn, Lord and Lady Stanley of Alderley, Lord Wilberforcs, Sir Michael and Lady Palliser. Sir John and Lady Balsombe, the Hon Jeffney and Mrs Evans. Sir Meryon and Ledy Davies. Sir Fbillp and Lady Grenside, Sir John and Lady Grenside, Sir John and Lady Grenside, Sir John and Lady Goborn. Churches (Worcester): to be Rector, Avon Valley (Salisbury). The Rey Jan Neale, Assistant Curate, Great Coates St Nicholas, West Grinsby Team Ministry: to be Team Vicar, St Nicholas, Great Coates (Lincoln). The Rev Graham Newton, Vicar. Holy Trinity, Stevenage: to be Rector, Dunstable Team Ministry

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(St Albans). The Rev Charles Patrick, Assistan Curate, Barton on Humber: to be Assistant Priest, St Mary w St James, Grimsby, w special respon-sibility for St James and Team

Goodnart, Sir John and Lady Osborn, lady Salomon, Mr Nell Elles and Baroness Elles, Mr Christopher Gill, MP, Mr Toby Jessel, MP, Mr and Mrs P Ayling, Mr John F Avery Jones, Mrs W Churchill, Mr T G Fleid-Fisher, QC, and Mrs Fleid-Fisher, Dr and Mrs Park Greenaway, Mr and Mrs Marlin Harris, Mr and Mrs RHarris, Mr Peter Horsneid, QC and Mrs Horsfield, Mr G Hughes-Hariman, Mr Ralph Instone, QC His Honour Stephen Oliver, QC, Mr and Mrs Bolsenen, Mr and Mrs Hugh Sassoon, Mrs M Sellignan, Mr David Shlitey, Mr & W Simpson, Mr John Smoler, Mr P W Simpson, Mr John Smoler, Mr W Simpson, Mr John Smoler Esden telerk of the council, Imperial Society of Knights Batchelori, Mr Eddy Digman (chairman, Silmon and Trout Association) and Mr Michael Dunford (secreary, Eventon Football Ulub) with Mrs Lynda Rooney. Vicar designate (Lincoln). The Rev Philip Rushton, Rector, Litcham w Kernpston, East Lexham, West Lexham, Mileham. Beeston-next-Mileham and Stanfield, and Rector, Tittleshall w Godwick and Chaplain to the Godwick and Chapian to the Norfolk Army Cadet Force to be Priest-in-charge, Scole w Billingford, Brockdish and Thorpe Abbos (Norwich). The Rev Graham Saunders, Cu-rate, Olton (Birmingham): to be Team Vicar, Bedminster (Bristol).

The Rev Kenneth Saunders, Vicar, Cherry Willingham: to be Priest-In-charge, North Kelsey, South Kelsey, Holton le Moor, Kirkby, Kingerby, North Owersby, Thorn-ton le Moor and Usselby (Lincoln), Lady Goring A memorial service for Lady (William) Goring was held yes-terday at St Bride's. Fleet Street. The Rev Canon Roger Sharpe, formerly Rector, Warminster St Canon John Oates officiated. Mr Benjamin Morison, son, read the lesson, Miss Lucy Morison,

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.N. James

Mr S.E. Andrea and Miss J.E.V. Pettit and Miss L.J. Beer The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of the and Mrs Geoffrey James, of late Mr John Andreae and of Mrs Horninghold, Leicestershire, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Raiph Pemit of Sidcup, Kent. Andrese, of Yattendon, Berkshire, and Liss Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Beer, of Ely. Mr J.R. Levent and Miss N.J. Dritz Cambridgeshire. Mr J.H.C. Bayne The engagement is announced and Mrs D.P. Percy between John, elder son of Sir Peter and Lady Levene, of Regent's Park, London, and Nancy, youn-The engagement is announced between Julian; elder son of Mr and Mrs Alan Bayne, of Fittleworth, West Susser, and Deborah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Guy Norman, of Brockham, Surrey. Mr N.L. Blakesley. and Miss S. Jeffrics The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Blakesley, of Hyde Heath, Buckinghamshire, and Sandy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Jeffries, of Canberra, Australia Mr C.N.B. Campbell-Star and Miss N.J. Couroy The engagement is announced between Mr Charles Nicholas Brett Campbell-Stanway and Miss Nancy Jane Conroy, both of Harrow, Middleser. The Hon H.W.A. Cecil and Miss N.J. Michels The engagement is announced between William, only son of Lord and Lady Amherst of Hackney, of Hyde, Hampshire, and Nicola, elder daughter of Major and Mrs Timothy Michels; of Alderbury, Wiltshire. Mr SJ. Dine

Mr S.J. Dines and Miss R.S. Waddington The engagement is announced between Simon James, only son of Mr and Mrs G.W. Dines, of Carbina Surgers, and Rachal Mr and Wils O.W. Dires, of Chobham, Surrey, and Rachel Susan, only daughter of the late Mr Nicholas Waddington and of Mrs Susan Payne and step-daughter of Mr Donald Payne, of Castlemorton, Worcestershire. Mr P.W.M. Harden and Miss F.E. Freema The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Harden, of Pulford, Cheshire, and Francesca, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Preeman, of Kirby Muxloe, Leicestershire Mr E.M.M. Jan

and Miss S.C. Garrett-Cox The engagement is announced between Emmanuel Michel Marie, younger son of M Hervé Jan and the late Mme Annick Jan, née Ponaire, of Pontivy, France, and Sacha Clare, daughter of Mr. and Mrs Martin Garrett-Cox, of Shrubhill, near Dunblane. Perthshire.

Mr D.J. Lipson and Miss A.P. Hudey The engagement is announced between Daniel John, youngest son of the late Mr Eric-Peter Lipson and of Mrs Irene Lipson, of Chelienham, and Angela Priscilla, youngest daughter of the late Mr Peter Huxley and of Mrs Priscilla Huxley, of Milton Green, Chester. Mr T.C. Marsden-Smedley and Senorita M.C. Rodriguez Ossa The engagement is announced

The marriage en Charles, elder son of Mr

gest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Dritz, of New York. Mr B.K. Mechan and Miss T.C. Lloyd The engagement is announced between Bryan, son of Kevin and Christina Mechan, of Ranelagh, Ireland, and Tara, eldest daug of Jereny and Britta Lloyd, of Holland Park, London. Mr G.E.J. Nightingale and Miss A.E. Weston The engagement is announced between Giles, son of Mr and Mrs John Nightingale, of Oxford, and Alexandra, daughter of Mr David Weston and Mrs Michael Batty, of Henley-on-Thames. Mr H.D. Pettifer and Miss N.A. Floyd The engagement is announced between Henry, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Pettiler, and Nicola, younger daughter of Mr John Floyd and Mrs Brian Norman Mr S.C. Sainsbury -dis and Miss F. Moran The engagement is announced between Sebastien Charles, son of

Millia.

Mr and Mrs Barry Sainsbury, of Belgravia, and Filiziana, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Morandin, of Vatican City, Italy. Mr J.P.M. Samengo-Turner and Miss B. Bartos The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Mr and Mrs Fabian Samengo-Turner, of Bucklebury, Berkshire, and Bettina, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Alex Bartos, of Bellevue

Hill, Sydney. Mr A. Sheppard and Miss H.J. Stone The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Sheppard, of Glouces-ter, and Harriet, younger daughter of Mrs Judith Stone, of Oxford, and of the late Commander Simon Mr M.K. Simon and Miss K.M. Zmertych

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs James Patrick Simon, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Katalin, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ivan Zmertych, of West Hamp-stead, London. Mr A.J. Willis

and Miss C.L. Knowles and Miss CL. Morves The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Willis, of Cotheath, Kent, and Catriona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roy Vacuation of Mr and Mrs Roy Knowles, of Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.

Marriages Mr R. Mitchell

and Miss M. Winch

sented by Major Sir Peter Clarke at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Grantchester, QC. held yesterday at St Margaret's Church. Westminster Abbey, Canon Donald Gray offici-Lord Grantchester and the Hon

James Suenson-Taylor, sons, read the lessons. The Hon Jeremy Suenson-Taylor, son, read a passage entided Retrospect from Fly Fishing by Lord Grey of Failedon,

Lord Graatchester. QC Princess Alexandra was repre-

Lord Ackner gave an address. The Lord Chancellor was repre-sented by Mr Mark Ormerod.

BIRTHS: John Winthrop, Puritan and 1st Governor of Massachu-ter, Naples, 1705: George Froster, setts, Groton, Suffolk, 1588; Edmund Burke. statesman, Dublin, 1729: Johann Pestalozzi, educator, Zurich, 1746: John Singer Sargent. portrait painter. Florence. 1856; Sir Charles Oman. historian. Muziffarpur, India, 1860, Jack London, novelist, San Francisco, 1976: Ferenc Molnar, dramatist, Budapest, 1878: Curbastron Gregorio Ricci, mathematician, Italy, 1883; Hermann Goering, Nazi war criminal. Bavaria. 1893: Georges Carpentier, hozer, Calais.

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son, Elliot Alexander. **CHAPMAN** - On 4th January 1995, to Gery and Julie, a beautiful daughter. Jodie Rouda.

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William Edward. CORFELD - On January 9th. to Cathetric and Tonk. s son. OARONER - Or 27th Decanter, to Carolias (nis 5chenk) and Angus. n daughter, Flora Elizabeth Akce, a sister for William and Charlis.

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SETTS - On 9th January, sudgenty to hospital, Cattl H.E. Functual on Friday 19th January, All Sanish Church, Eins Grove Road, Enling WE, at 12.30 pm followed by cremation at Mortlaks, Flowers to W.S. Bond, 19 Bond Greek, Ealing WS & AR, let: (0181) 867-0422.

DEATHS

Dinner Anniversaries today 1912 Club Sir Graham Bright, MP, was the explorer, Paris, 1794: Sir Isaac Pitman, inventor of a shorthand

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CLARKE - Dorothy Nay (nde Loush) pescentily on 10th January 1996 in her 88th year at Sosthampton General Hospital. Beloved wire of tha Inte Judge Edward Clarks, O.C. and sadly missed mother and grandmother. FReeral Thurday 18th Jackmy & 11.30 am St. Peter's Charch. Latebam Road. Statues. Family flowers, domains to

RNIR. CLARK- On Monday January SD, 1995 to Garva House. Aldeburgh, Belly Clark (not Garid), aged 95 Fears, widow of William Mortes-Clark, deer mother, mother in-law, grandmother and ormet-sendmother. Ethered

great-grandmother. Filternal Service at Aldeburgh Parish Church on Monday 22nd January et 11.30 am.

Laiebam Road. Family Sowers, do

guest of honour at a dinner of the 1912 Club held last night at the House of Commons by courtesy of Mr Roger E. Sims, MP, chairman of the club, Mr David Amess, MP, was the sponsor. Dr Ian McKinley System, Bath. 1897: Dame Agaiha Christic crime novelist, Walling-ford, Oxfordshire, 1976. The Royal Aeronautical Society of also spoke.

Service dinner

HMS Victory

Great Britain was founded. 1866. The British-Zulu War began, 1879. **Birmingham Society**

The following have been clead fellows of the society: Sir Peter Wright. Mr R.N. Mapp. Mr J.R. Berlinson, Mr Donaid Broomes. Sr Neal Poster, Mr Donaid Broomes. Sr Neal Poster, Mr Dona Hadeata, Mr P.J. Toowman, Mr Bill Turner, Mrs Allce Poweil, Mr C.W. Allen and Mr Allce Poweil, Mr C.W. Allen and Mr Allce Poweil, Mr C.W. Allen and Mr The London Co-op opened the first supermarket in London at Manor Park, 1948. A Bocing 747 (jumbo) jet landed at Heathrow airport after its maiden transatlantic flight from New

DEATHS

Latest wills

Mr Alan Vyvyan Symons, of High Legh, Knutsford, Cheshire, former deputy chairman of the Carrington Vivella Group and previously chairman of Tootal Broadhurst Lee, now both part of the Coats-Vivella Group, left estate valued at

Mrs Irene Maria Warrener, of-Worksop, Notinghanshire, left estate valued at 1091.754 net. She left 667.000 and effects to personal relatest. E: 200 to Worksop Rotary Club, and 55.000 and 1910th of the residue to the Bessetlaw Hospite of the Good Shepherd. daughter, read one of her own prayers and Mr Nicholas Morris, brother, read from the works of Ministry (Salisbury). The Rev Michael Silley, Vicar, the

William Wordsworth. Mr Charles Janson and Lady (Christopher) Bland gave ad-

dresses.

Worksop, and 1/10th of the residue each to the Royal Sheffield Institution for the Blind, Si Lukes Hospice. Sheffield, the Oukeries Christithe Home, Rerford, the Sheffield Kidney RESearch Foundation, Yorkshile Can-cer Research Campaign. Royal College of Surgeons, the Skin Obsease Research Pund, British Heart Founda-tion and Sue Ryder Foundation.

Other estates include (net before

tax): Mrs Phyllis Mary Blackburn, Mr Gordon Septimus Liddle, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire

Denys, Upton Scudamore and Horningsham: to be Team Rector, the newly formed Cley Hill Team and Mrs Christopher Marsden-Smedley, of Burrington, near Bris-tol, and Marta Cristina, elder

daughter of Don Jaime Rodriguez Ingham Group of Parishes and Rural Dean of Lawres: to be Priest-Camacho and Señora Maria Cristina Rodriguez Ossa, of Boyacá Colombia. in-charge, Brigg (Lincola). The Rev Dr Angus Stuart: to be Senior Anglican Chaplain, Univer-sity of Bristol, and Honorary Curate, St Michael and St Paul,

Mr C.B. Matthews and Miss T. Iwashima

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs David Matthews, of Hamels Park, Buntingford. Hertfordshire, and Taco, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Iwashima, of Shibuya - Ku, Tokyo. Mr H.L.M. Morris and Miss A.E. Oppenheimer The engagement is announced between Hugo, younger son of the late Mr Richard Morris and of

Mrs Richard Morris, of London. and Arabella, youngest daughter of Mr Anthony Oppenheimer, of Burghelere, Hampshire, and Mrs Frederick Barker, of Highworth.

December 16, in Biddenden, between Mr Rory Mitchell. son of Mr and Mrs Matthew Mitchell, of Norfolk, and Miss Miriam Winch, daughter of the late Mr John Wanch, FRCS, and of Mrs Murray Johnstone. The Rev Brian Melbourne officiated.

The bride was attended by her sisters Rebecca, Joanna, Christine, Jemima and Charlotte, and by Thomas, Sam, Bruce and Alexander, acphews of the bridegroom. Mr Christopher Ewbank was best man.

The reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon was spent abroad. Mr J.M. Thoday

and Ms L. News The marriage took place on Janu-ary 6, 1996, in New Zealand, between Jonathan Murray, son of Professor John Thoday and Dr Doris Thoday, of Cambridge, and Lee, daughter of Peter and Pamela Newman, formerty of Whangarei, New Zealand.

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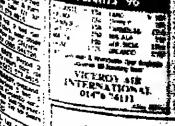
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CLAPHAM Prof m/f for mult conductable house. http: room, m/e bethring, peer tage £345 pers, Tol: 0171 7203932. DHONDY - Mae, dearly low wife of the jate Ruston aged 84. Sadiy m er of Perin and Jers dmother of Piers mother of Perin and Jeteny. grandmother of Piers and Giles, died pescelully to her sierp 10th January 1996. Cremation service 2aib Jeousry 2 put Hendon Crematorium, No flowers. Donations please to The North London Housice. Deally and friends. WALES - Francis Herbert (Frank) aged 69 years on 10D January 1995 at Poole Mospital. descrip beloved bushand of Sibyl and faither of Richard. John and Charles. Mourned by all bis family. Funeral at Poole Crematorium on Thursday 18th January at 2 yea. No flowers below but domailons to The Alzheimers Disease Society. (Dat 1970) Professional Same When responding to advertisements research are advised to establish the face value and full details of tickets before enhances the face value enhances into any commitment. Most sports UTINEY SWIS Pret m/t for harse 2 hed flat. Close trans-port/ shame/ street. Elio yrv. 0181 788 5285/0531 108795. PAGE - David W. sublemp at Scores Farm on Jahuary 10th ages 71. Beloved by his wite Elemberh, his children and grandchildren and all who know him. Private fuceral, humediate family unit. No flowers built denations to the British Heart Foundation. SULITON - Mary Jean, on January 60h 1996 to hospital what a tradic Shame brively borne. Befored mother of Christopher. Danke. Summ and Niget and Inviter Compasion der to al Invite Compasion der to al Invite Savie for all her riseds at TONELEYE SWIE 450 pr. 1 News in 2 bed hes. Prof. Cal 0973 304273 or 0181 8718568 WI O.R. 253pr & 8 bes Dest Medical WP & light Dosselers ing mr Dr. 01468 120846 EDWARDR - Stephen Zachary, Friesl, Husband of The late Rulh Bestrice, father of Urwis and Thai, father-ta-iev of Dick, grandbatter of Dama, Sarah and Richerd and gresi-transdetiber of Richard Brocking born 28th December 1996. Died on 10th January 1996 effer illoses gallanity borne, in peace, in his 92nd year, Graetity belowed of all his family. "The Spirit shall return usio God who gave it", Fumeral Service at St Marnarch's Church, Lanreath-by-Lose, Contwell on Saturday 20th January at 2.30 pm. lichets are st tis are subject to strict tis and transfer rules. to The Society. TICKETS A RECOVER RELATION IN A TEAM OF THE RECU REVERED BON BOYL REVERED BON BOYL REVERED BON BOYL REVERED BON BOYL PHANTONE BURNEST PHANTONE BURNEST ALL POR THEATER & BPORTING EVENTS Jersentry 10.30km. Memorial Service for all bet friende at 3 pen on Frider Fotourgy Sth Ai Cheisea Oid Church, Church Street, London, Family Rowers only but dunations, if desired, to Cancer Services, Charing Cross Hospital, (0121-846 7207). SERVICES Gill.LOTT - Jober Barrett (ho) nbe Varier), pencerkily on Torentary 9th January 1996. Dearty loved and dervolad wife of the hier Nicholas. 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OBITUARIES

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Marion Wilberforce, aviatrix, died ou December 17 aged 93. She was born on July 22, 1902.

ONE of the first eight women pilots to be recruited by the Air Transport Auxiliary in 1940, Marion Wilber force was the quintessendal Atagirl : resourceful, daring and force was the skilled, with more than a touch of eccentricity in ber make-up. The ATA's role, largely unsung at the time against the backdrop of the desperate battles taking place in the air throughout the summer and autumn of 1940, was the ferrying of new aircraft from the factories to the squadrons which needed them.

This work was originally done by men, generally pilots who were not fully fit for operational flying and were hence regarded as "Ancient and Tattered Airmen". Besides, at the outbreak of war the prejudice against women flyers was strong. No one thought of using the pool of feminine talent which had been built up in that golden age of private flying between the wars, when handsome and wellto-do young women gallivanted about the skies of Europe, dropping in on garden parties in Berlin, Stockholm and Budapest. Continental aero clubs threw lavish summer entertainments and the Burgomaster of many a central European capital marshalled the full resources of his entertainment budget to make sure that his fair guests took home good reports of their treatment.

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Even after war broke out and the losses of good aircrew in such futile operations as the leaflet drops over Germany (in unarmed Blenheim bombers) began to mean that the fitness state of the Ancient and Tattered Airmen had to be revised upwards so that they could fly operational sorties, there was still a reluctance to employ manifestly wellqualified women. Once the barriers had been broken down, however, and women were admitted to ferrying duties, they soon proved their worth.

Flexibility was the hallmark of these pilots. If, for example, an ATA aviatrix qualified on Class 4 (twinengined) aircraft, she would be expected to cope with anything from that "flying coffin" the Hampden, through the nimble Mosquito to (later in the war) the twin-jet Meteor interceptor. And many a bomber squadron commander awaiting a new delivery to replace operational losses was astonished, as a Lancaster bomber rolled to a halt on his runway, to see a petite, svelte figure climb from the cockpit, take off her

MARION WILBERFORCE



The first of the "Atagirls", Marion Wilberforce second from left, standing

flying helmet and shake out her hair. Marion Wilberforce was one of seven children of John Ogilvie-Forbes, the 9th Laird of Boyndlie, Aberdeenshire, and a man of renowned and granite-like dourness. Originally intended for the Anglican priesthood, he had converted to Roman Catholicism and became a papal Privy Chamberlain. She received her education from French governesses and at the Convent of Jesus and Mary, Stony Stratford, From there she went to Somerville College, Oxford, where she took a degree in agriculture in 1922. At Oxford she took a keen interest

in sports: she was an accomplished exponent of ju-jitsu and was a member of the women's mountaincering team. She also acted in the productions of the university's French Club.

In 1932 she married Robert Wilberforce, although this union was oot always a foregone conclusion. Her husband-to-be was for some time

undecided between the state of matrimony and a vocation to the priesthood, eventually deciding to test the strength of the latter by spending six months in a monastery. When this period was over Marion was at the monastery gates to collect him. She, meanwhile, had begun a career In London, on a field sports magazine, and began flying, encouraged by her two brothers. Her own first aircraft was a de Havilland Cirrus Moth from which she graduated to the Hornet Moth. In these aircraft, which she used to ferry livestock to and from her Essex farm, Nevendon Manor, sometimes from as far afield

as Hungary, she had notched up 900 hours by 1940. From 1929 she had also taken a keen interest in the work of the Fairbridge charity whose aim was to take orphaned children from overcrowded British cities and find them homes in agricultural communities in the Dominions. In the late 1920s and early 1930s she visited Canada

and Australia to look over farm regulated, yet her exploits were almost redolent of the more happy-go-lucky age of aviation in which she schools there. She continued her involvement in the Fairbridge Farm Schools until late in her life. Having no children herself, she often had had grown up. She flew about the Briosh Isles visiting friends and then, Fairbridge children to stay with her if bored, might decide to lunch in for extended periods.

When the ATA, which was formed on the outbreak of war, began to find itself short of pilots, at first the option of using women was not even considered, and the RAF went so far as to hire foreign aviators - at greatly inflated wages. Then resisrance to the obvious solution finally crumbled and the first eight women - including Marion Wilberforce were recruited, in January 1940. This was done in a blaze of publicity largely unsought - which was not entirely beneficial. In Germany, Lord

Haw-Haw made much snide propaganda from the fact that the British were apparently reduced to sending their womenfolk "to fly vicious fighting planes which these unnatural and decadent women will doubt-

GEOFFREY PARDOE

withdrew.

for ever"

Pardoe became chief execu-

ove director of the British

Space Development Company

and subsequently formed his

own consultancy, General

Technology Systems, based

first in Brentford and later at

Brunel Science Park in Ux-

bridge. GTS worked in more

than 60 countries, in the fields

of aerospace, energy, informa-

tional technology, commun-

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GORDON ADAM

Gordon Adam, a former general manager and director of Barclays Bank, died in

less enjoy". And in RAF messes the

reception was often little more

to fly combat aircraft, but that bureaucratic rule soon became un-

tenable, and by mid-1941 Marion

graduated to twin-engined bombers

and then to the four-engined Lancas-

ter, Halifax and Stirling. By the end of the war she had flown well over a

hundred different types of aircraft. In

a single day she might ferry as many as four different aircraft. It was very far from being routine

work; the pilot had to do all her own

navigation and the requirement to

keep the embattled squadrons re-plenished meant that deliveries had

aircraft she was delivering failed and

she came down in the freezing waters

In addition to flying. Marion

Wilberforce was deputy command-

ing officer and then CO of the

Hatfield Ferry Pool, and in 1943

became commander of No 12 Ferry

Pool at Cosford. The extra adminis-

tration this involved meant little

abatement in the volume of her flying

At the end of the war she declined

appointment as MBE, but carried on

lying in her Hornet Moth biplane.

The skies had by then become more

Luxembourg or take in an evening

performance at the Vienna

Staatsoper. Once, she strayed out of

Austrian into Czechoslovak air space,

drawing fire from trigger-happy

frontier anti-aircraft batteries. On

another occasion she visited her brother Neil in Moscow, flying

herself to Helsinki but being com-

pelled to be a passenger for the remainder of the journey. Only in her eighties did she give up

flying. By that time, reluctantly, she

had to get rid of the secood of her

Hornet Moths. Originally bought

from an Aberdeen butcher, it found a

home with an Australian sheep

When her husband died in 1984,

Marion Wilberforce returned to

Boyndlie to live with her brother.

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At first Atagirls were not permitted

sympathetic.

Switzerland on December 27 aged 68. He was born on December 21, 1927.

A QUIETLY prominent personality in the discreet profes sion of banking, Gordon Adam followed an eminent career with Barclays. As he rose through the ranks, his patent integrity and conscienoousness combined with a substantial experience in both the UK and in the international arm of the bank earned him a position as a director of the UK bank, as well as chairman of Barclays International Dev-

to be undertaken in all weathers: cloud, rain, fog, snow and treacher-ous icing conditions. The celebrated elopment Fund, and chairman of the international Trust prewar aviatrix Amy Johnson, who had joined ATA, perished in just such circumstances when the engine of an Group. David Stuart Gordon Adam

was born in Belfast, but spent his early years in Canada where his father, an Ulsterman, was working as a naval architect. He was educated at Upper Canada College, before returning to the UK to take law degrees at Queen's University, Belfast, and Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

Winning an exhibition and later a scholarship, he was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn in 1951. But he left the law after extended service as a judge's marshal with two outstanding Queen's Bench judges. Mr Justice Hilbery and Mr Justice Streatfield. After two years, 1952-53, at the War Office he turned to banking, joining Barclays in 1954.

After a year's grounding experience at head office he was sent to Southern and wife Rosanne, and by their Central Africa with the intertwo sons and daughter.

KENNETH NEVE

Kenneth Neve, OBE, industrialist and viutage car enthusiast, died oo January I aged 84. He was born on April 19, 1911.

THE patrician figure of Kenneth Neve cut a familiar dash at vintage motor racing events. Whether picknicking from an ample Fortnum's hamper, or sipping cham-pagne on the running-boards of his Rolls-Royce Phantom II, book and follow this jokey but he was an enthusiastic presence at the race track. But Neve was not just a collector

practical idea. But Neve's favourite racing car was a 1914 TT Humber which he found laid up in Wales, and restored to work-

ing order, running it in Ed-

for some 35 years.

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In 1960 Neve's enthusiasm



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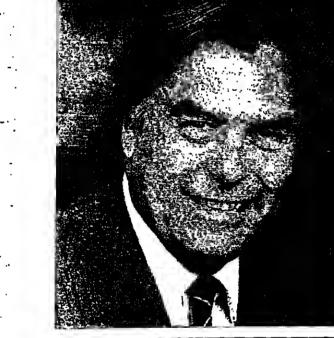
national arm of the bank before returning to a succession of increasingly more se nior posts in Leeds and Manchester. He became a

general manager in 1968. Harvard Business School followed in the spring of 1969, and in his subsequent career with Barclays he filled a number of prominent positions in which, always seeking the highest standards himself, he exacted them too from those with whom he worked. Adam also served for five years on the council of the CBt

and, after retirement from Barclays, became a director of the merchant bank Henry Ansbacher & Co in 1989. Adam was equally active outside his banking career, notably as a governor of Wycombe Abbey School for 20 years and chairman of its council from 1981 to 1991. His

term of office was marked by a steady progress, both academic and administrative. Adam is survived by his

roadholding speed and performance. After the war Neve was one of the first people to take single cylinder motorcycle engines and incorporate them in cars. It was a relatively cheap way of indulging a passion for racing, and though Neve was an amateur, professionals such as Stirling Moss were later to take a leaf out of his



Geoffrey Pardoe. consultant engineer, died of a heart attack on' January 3 aged 67. He was born ou November 2. 1928.

FOR almost 40 years Geoffrey Pardoe was a leading figure in space exploration, never faltering in the belief that space offered great opportunities, most of which were being missed by the British Government. He was project manage er of Blue Streak, a missile that worked well but was cancelled on the ground of cost, and which later formed the first stage of an abortive attempt to develop a European satellite launcher. Later he became known to a

wider public through his commentaries on the Apollo space launches and articles, including some in The Times, argu-

ing for a coherent space policy. Pardoe was no narrow specialist. In 1986 he was appointed chairman of the Watt Committee on Energy, a charity formed to promote the improved understanding of energy generation and use. He participated in many professional bodies, where his convivial manner and clarity of

expression made him a natural leader. Geoffrey Pardoe was educated at Wanstead County High School, London University and Loughborough College of Technology (as it then was) where he was a successful athlete. He began his career at Armstrong Whitworth, where he was responsible for the first British guided missile. Seaslug. He moved to de Havilland Propellers in 1951, where he was in

charge of aerodynamics and

flight analysis of Firestreak and other air-to-air weapons.

In 1957 he was appointed project manager of Bhie communicate knowledge, not Streak, a ballistic missile only to his peers but also to a powered by Rolls-Royce rocket general audience, and for many years was the first engines. After the cancellation of the programme, Britain person journalists thought of attempted to salvage some when they needed guidance benefit by proposing Blue over space stories. He campaigned consistently for a British presence in space, re-Streak as the first stage of a launcher to be built by the gretting that the decisions taken in the 1960s had handed seven-mation European Launcher Development Organisation (ELDO). leadership in Europe to the

farmer.

France provided the second French. Over the years he appeared stage. Germany the third, Italy the test satellites, Belin nearly 2,000 radio and gium the ground station and television interviews in several countries - he was fluent in French and German. Among The Netherlands the telemetry links. What followed was a tragi-comic series of failures his publications. The Future of Space Technology, published as one by one the different in 1984, will perhaps be best stages - though not Blue Streak - failed to operate.

remembered. As president of the Royal Finally, after the third stage had failed in the final launch Aeronautical Society in 1984-Vintage Sports Car Club (VSCC) he took part in speed 85, he was appointed the attempt at Woomera, the UK society's representative on the Geoffrey Pardoe bitterly re-Watt committee, of which he soon became chairman. He gretted the decision. For the sake of saving the ELDO contribution of £9 million a was active in many other organisations, including the National Industrial Space and sweeping mudguards, then considered one of Brityear, barely more than was Committee, and he was a spent annually on fireworks, he feared that. "we shall be out former president of the Space of any real space programmes Education Trust. In all these bodies and annual holidays to Cheshire and Cornwall when she would

others, he argued that those with knowledge and ability have the duty to use them for the solution of problems, Despite the many frustrations of championing ideas that successive governments found unpalatable or too expensive, he remained cordial and optimistic. He died suddenly and unexpectedly when on a business trip to Kansas. He leaves a widow, Patricia,

and a son and daughter. defence. remote sensing, inno-

CHANGE OF WEATHER. Last night skating on the Serpentine was again carried on with great spirit. There was a display of fireworks and various novel amusements. The ice was stated to be nearly 13 inches thick. There is to be a fair on the Serpentine on Monday night, unless the thaw which commenced yesterday should happily put a stop to the late severity of the season. All the parks were crowded yesterday, but no accident of conse-quence is reported. The weather at Worcester, which has been most intense, appeared yesterday to be changing, a partial thaw having set in. The Severn is still frozen up above Worcester, all navigation stopped, and a most remarkable spectacle has been presented nightly during the week on the Worcester Race-course. This large meadow, which lies on the banks of the Severn, was flooded at the end of last week. and froze to a considerable thickness. The water receding beneath it left the ice upon the grass and a safe arena for the skaters and sliders. These

vation and technology and spectator, he was also an transfer. Pardoe was always eager to

active competitor, restoring defunct motor cars to roadworthiness as well as redesigning them to his own specifications.

speeds of up to 100mph.

and mud trials with a 30-98

Vauxhall, a fine machine with

open body, stretching bonnet

ain's top sports cars. He drove

this car everywhere, and his

daughter was always to recall

be souashed into a small sideways-facing seat at the

car which was driven by chain

rather than shaft drive. He

adapted it to improve its

jumped along behind.

ON THIS DAY

January 12, 1861

Two forces of nature which together kept

racegoers at home combined to bring

out the skaters and sliders.

have mustered in great numbers, and

thousands of persons have been disport-

ing themselves upon its surface by

torchlight. At the time of writing the ice

is covered with thousands of people.

Here, as elsewhere, a great many

persons have been thrown out of employ

by the severity of the weather, builders,

carpenters, gardeners, watermen, and

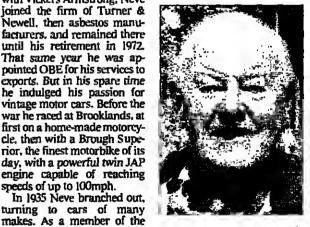
other trades having their occupations

suspended, and much distress is the

result. To alleviate this, funds are being

raised, and coal and soup provided for

for vintage cars was recog-nised by his election to the After an apprenoceship presidency of the VSCC for with Vickers Armstrong, Neve



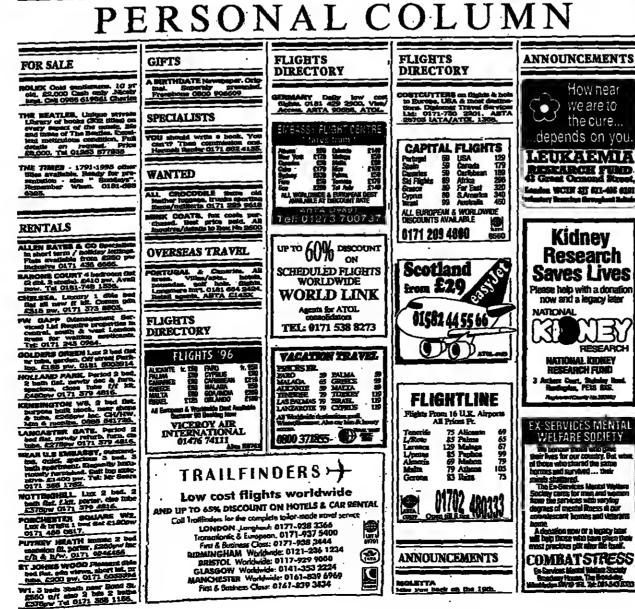
three years and, though his interests always remained more in the workshop than in administration, he proved himself a meticulous historian of motoring.

In 1977, to mark the Queen's Silver Jubilee celebrations, Neve re-enacted the 1911 Rolls-Royce run in top-gear from London to Edinburgh. He fully rebuilt the 1911 car himself and drove from one capital to the other.

back and instructed to keep an Neve set down his recolleceye peeled for predatory potions of his lifetime hobby in licemen while a trailer carryhis book A Bit Behind The ing another car bounced and Times (1988). In his last years he worked to complete a 4ft Neve also raced a grand model of a steam tug boat prix Bugatti as well as rebuildwhich he had begun in 1929 ing a Frazer Nash, a fine old but never finished.

His wife Jo, whom he married in 1938, predeceased him. He is survived by a daughter.

the poor. Scarcely any change has taken place in the state of the weather in the eastern counties, with the exception of dense logs in the evening succeeding to very heavy atmosphere during the day. The thermometer has in no instance since Thursday, that we have heard of risen above freezing-point. All the rivers are completely blocked, and trade at the ports of Maldon, Colchester, Ipswich, Woodbridge, and other places, is almost suspended, the owners of vessels prefer-ring to lie at anchor rather than run any risks. The consequence has been a very considerable advance in the price of sea borne coals, thereby adding another evil to the already muloplied sufferings of the poor. It is now found that large bodies of agricultural labourers must seek relief in Union houses, tenant farmers most reluctantly parting with them in consequence of their inability to follow any out-door occupation. New discoveries of cases of most intense suffering are being made daily. and already the Union houses are rapidly filling.



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Preview: Paula Dixon's life was saved by brilliant improvisation in

mid-air. Operation Coathanger (BBC1, 9.30pm). Review: Lynne

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The Prime Minister might have

expected worse. Margaret Thatcher did not overpraise her succes-

sor; but there was no indication of

A 65-year-old man dies in hospital

in Scarborough after being heli-

coptered 80 miles from Bradford. Must NHS reforms mean

Unavailable Venables

No theme will be discussed in pubs

tonight with as much verve as that

of Terry Venables. is he right? Is he wrong? Should he? Shouldn't he?

Why? Why not? Page 17

If you want to peer into what the

social investigators of Victorian

England called "the abyss", you

must go into the dark heart of our

Lady Thatcher offered a myth of

betrayal by those in office every bit

as politically explosive as that of-

fered by Tony Benn after Labour .

lost in 1979. The difference is that

the infighting has started before,

rather than after, the party has lost

PAUL BARKER

The chief stoker

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NEWS

Thatcher on Tory unpopularity

Baroness Thatcher delivered a punishing blow to John Major's attempts to bind the Conservative Party together when she scorned the "one-nation" Tory tradition and accused his Government of betraying the middle classes.

The Prime Minister's hopes of a new year truce between his party's warring factions were blown apart as his predecessor said that the party was in trouble because Tory performance and policies had not lived up to its principles Pages I. 2. 9

Mitterrand families stand together

The two families of François Mitterrand were united for the first time at his funeral, in accordance with his last wishes. Anne Pingeot, the former French President's mistress, and their daughter Mazarine, stood alongside Danielle Mitterrand, her two sons and grandchildren Pages 1, 10

Juice price held

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Britons were spared a 30p-a-litre rise in the price of fresh orange juice after the European Commission answered a Government appeal by postponing a tariff on imported oranges Page 1

Royal fan arrested

Bernard Ouinn, an obsessed fan of the Princess Royal, was arrested in Liverpool last night 25 minutes before she was due to attend an official engagement in the city Page 1

Britons kinapped

Troops were sent into the Indonesian jungle to rescue four British biologists kidnapped by separat-.....Page 3 ist guerillas.....

Carling split

The marriage of Will Carling, the England rugby captain, and his wife Julia is to end after just 15 months togetherPage 3

Tornado crashes

Two more RAF crewmen escaped when another Tornado crashed during a training flight in Germany. It was the third Tornado lost in two days after a mid-aircollision on Wednesday Page 5

Branson challenger

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Richard Branson faces a new challenger in the race to become the first balloonist to fly round the world. Henk Brink, a 52-year-old Dutch helicopter pilot and adventurer. expects to launch his attempt from Nijmegen Page 5

Sex Pistols plan a comeback

The Sex Pistols, the spitting standard-bearers of punk who incited a generation to rebel against their elders and to reject ageing pop stars, are threatening to regroup just as they are turning 40. The 1970s band, vilified for describing the monarchy as a fascist regime, hope to begin a world tour in

NHS under strain Hospitals are cracking under the strain of a surge in emergency admissions that has caused casualty units to close and patients to be turned away, doctors' leaders . Page 6 said

Medical Briefing

A sensitive scalp and pain behind the eye may be a sign of a condition that must be treated immediately, says Dr Thomas Stuttaford . .Page 7 **Ducks** spared Plans to cull Britain's most noto-

rious duck are to be abandoned because ministers fear the sight of dead birds will infuriate animal ... Page 8 lovers Clinton 'bankruptcy' President and Mrs Clinton's legal

costs of £1.36 million in fighting the Whitewater and Paula Jones cases have put them "on a collision course with bankruptcy", said Money magazine Page 11

Patten's plea Chris Patten, Hong Kong's Governor, challenged Peking not to establish a "counterfeit" Legislative Council and vowed to continue to call for democracy and the

rule of law -Page 12 German gloom

Fresh proof of trouble in the German economy increased a wave of pessimism over the prospects for achieving the launch of a single European currency ... Page 13

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Spanish import The British. it seems, are just mad about flamenco. And it's never been more ambitious than in a new - and not altogether successful - show at Sadler's WellsPage 32 New albums: David Sinclair in praise of Ocean of Sound, a stunning exploration of the natural and manufactured sounds of ... Page 40 music. .. Page 33 Country lads: Who ever heard of a country band coming from Florida? Well, the Mavericks do and Page 38 they are now the Country Music Association's Vocal Group of the

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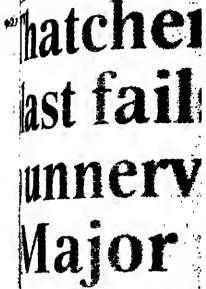
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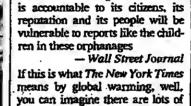
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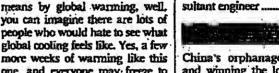
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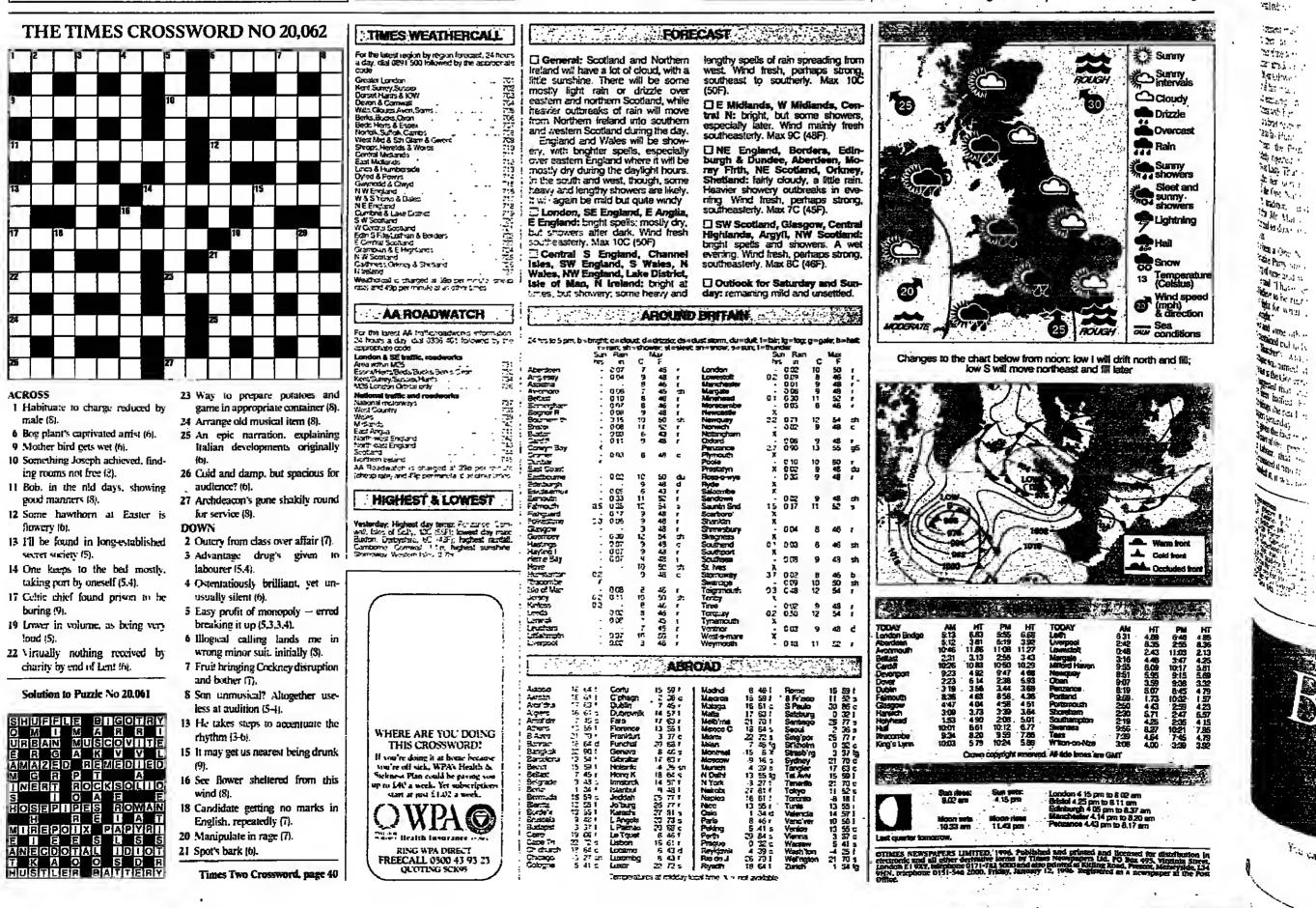
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